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Brush fire wipes out vegetation in Talafofo

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Another brush fire of still unknown cause broke out in Talafofo and crept near an area called the Miller estate on Capital Hill last Friday, destroying several acres of

No one was reported injured and no house was burned, according to Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde.

The fire, which was re-See FIRE on Page 4

China's defunct space lab hurtling toward Earth for re-entry today

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP)—China's **BEIJING** defunct and reportedly outof-control Tiangong 1 space station is expected to re-enter Farth's atmosphere sometime slight risk to people and prop-

erty on the ground, since most of the bus-size, 8.5-ton vehicle is expected to burn up on reentry, although space agencies don't know exactly when or where that will happen.

Below are some questions and answers about the station this weekend. It poses only a its re-entry and the past and See SPACE LAB on Page 4

MANGLONA TO CUC:

'Review water charges'

By ERWIN ENCINARES

REPORTER

veteran Rota senator has asked the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to review its water charges, after accusing the utility agency of charging its customers triple their actual water use.

>> CUC reportedly three times their water usage

CUC customers are charged a water electric charge of \$3.72 per 1,000 gallons consumed. In most instances, the charges are "triple that of the water monthly service fee,"

according to Sen. Paul Mancharges customers glona (Ind-Rota) in a letter to CUC executive director Gary Camacho dated March 28, 2018.

"The water electric charge rate has been in effect for several years, but we have not seen any corresponding adjustment or modification in its rate every time there is

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Catholic devotees kiss the 30-foot cross that was planted at the peak of Mt. Tapochau before it was brought to the top of Saipan's highest

Great weather marks Good Friday trek year streak of unforgiving rain and muddy trails.

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By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA Hundreds of Catholics made of the Good Friday tradition highest point of Saipan as part ful weather that broke a three-

the annual pilgrimage up the and were blessed with beauti-

and muddy trails.

The weather held true this year for the hundreds of Cath-

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The family of Stephon Clark joined hundreds of people at a rally.

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Local

Bid to set aside 'ice' trafficker's prison sentence denied

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE ferdie_delatorre@saipantribune.com REPORTER U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has denied a mo-

the tion to vacate or set aside the a V. sentence she imposed on a man who pleaded guilty to "ice" distribution.

Manglona had sentenced Yu Hua Wang to 11 years and three months in prison. He had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

In her order Monday last week, Manglona also certified that any appeal of her order would be deemed frivolous and would not be taken in good faith.

Wang, who was tagged by authorities as the second in command of an organization of drug suppliers on Saipan, was sentenced in May 2016.

Manglona said that Wang is clearly not entitled to relief in his claim of ineffective assistance and failure to assist him with getting adequate health care.

Robert T. Torres served as the court-appointed trial counsel for Wang. Wang appealed without counsel to the Ninth Circuit. The Ninth Circuit declined to address his claim of ineffective assistance of counsel and dismissed the remainder of his appeal. Wang then filed the motion to set aside his sentence.

In denying Wang's motion, Manglona said a paragraph of the presentence investigation report prepared by the U.S. Probation Office includes information from the authorities' cooperating source.

The judge said failure to object to it was not unreasonable, given that the information does not relate to a separate crime, but is part of the investigation into the crime for which Wang was ultimately adjudged guilty.

Manglona added that the incident referred to in that paragraph is not the only reference to Wang's criminal history. The final presentence investigation report details two more arrests for narcotics violations in 2011 and 2012.

Thus, the judge pointed out, that paragraph included a reference to Wang as involved in distribution of "ice" did not expose the court to new information that he was previously involved in drug trafficking, as the court also had knowledge of the 2011 and 2012 arrests and related proceedings.

In these circumstances, Manglona said, counsel's failure to object to that paragraph was not unreasonable.

Moreover, Manglona said, the basis for judgment and sentence was the amount of drugs that the U.S. government proved from arranged buys between an undercover agent and Wang.

She said the amount totaled over 50 grams, which is sufficient to convict Wang for conspiracy to distribute over 50 grams of methamphetamine.

On Wang's true mental condition issue, Manglona said Torres asked for a psychiatric exam, which the court granted.

The judge noted that the record demonstrates that Torres responded to Wang's complaints of severe headaches and pain, and inability to understand documents being translated to him.

"Counsel therefore did not act unreasonably," she

With respect to Wang's claim of unreasonable sentence, Manglona said Wang has not articulated why his sentence is more severe due to his status as a deportable alien.

stating only that he should have received "six months off the top."

Manglona said that without any evidence that his sentence was unreasonably high due to his status as a deportable alien, Wang has failed to demonstrate prejudice from his attorney's failure to seek a downward departure of sentence based on his status.

Wang's co-defendant, Xing Bo Fang, pleaded guilty to the same offense. In May 2016, Manglona sentenced Fang to three years and five months imprisonment.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Fang sold about 98.7 grams of methamphetamine to a confidential source of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration on Dec. 27, 2013, at Wang's instruction. The source later gave Wang \$8,500 in "buy money."

Fang himself personally handed the drug and handed it over to the DEA confidential source.

Before that, on Nov. 18, 2013, Fang sold 14.6 grams of "ice" to the same DEA confidential source for \$2,700.





Marianas Ocean Ambassador Yorko Summer makes a splash

Yorko Summer, the 2018 Marianas Ocean Ambassador, is making quite a splash for this beach resort destination.

Summer was on Saipan and Tinian on March 8-19, 2018, and was accompanied by 2017 Intern to the Marianas Sherry

Lin from Taiwan.

"Yorko has a great passion for protecting the marine environment and is influential in the dive community," said MVA marketing manager Broc Calvo. "He is listed in the top 100 underwater photographers

regular speaker at major dive fairs and events."

In addition to diving numerous sites, Summer and Lin inspected various establishments such as Surf Club, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan,

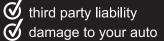
in the world, and he has been a Kensington Hotel Saipan, the Galaxy Snack Bar, American scenic and historic sites of Marpi, Mt. Tapochao, various beaches, and several shopping locations. They also experienced *mwar*-making, Let's Go Tour, jetovator, and dining at Naked Fish Bar & Grill,

Pizza & Grill, and Hard Rock Café Saipan.

As a part of Lin's internship and for Summer's further familiarization and promotion of the Marianas, the group enjoyed a one-day island tour

of Tinian, escorted by MVA Tinian Field Office supervisor Vida Borja. Summer and Lin also had the opportunity to partake in the 10K course of the Saipan Marathon 2018 on March 10. The group lodged at Saipan Beach Hotel and Surfrider Resort Hotel during their stay. (PR)





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4 in meth 'lab' case plead not guilty

The four men who were indicted in federal court in connection with an alleged clandestine laboratory that made crystal methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan have pleaded "not guilty."

At their arraignment on Wednesday afternoon, Vincent David Cabrera Jr., Eugene Blas Repeki Jr., Rick

Urumelog Omar Jr., and Sidney Capelle Kani pleaded not guilty.

Their jury trial will start on May 31, 2018.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered the parties to file pretrial motions by April 11, 2018.

The case and the initial

complaint filed against the five were consolidated.

David G. Banes, the courtappointed counsel for Omar, present Omar's mother as his proposed third-party custodian.

U.S. Probation officer assistant Juanette David-Atalig, however, asked for for more time to check the mother's background.

Manglona set the hearing on Omar's renewed motion for release pending trial for Monday, April 2, at 1:30pm.

The indictment charged Cabrera, Repeki, Omar, and Kani with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine, and conspiracy to possess chemicals, products, and equipment to manufacture methamphetamine.

In addition, the indictment charged Repeki and Kani with amine on premises where a child is present and resides.

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distribution of methamphet-

The indictment charged Repeki and Omar with distribution of methamphetamine,

and manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine on premises where a child is present or resides.

The indictment added a charge of maintaining a druginvolved premises against Cabrera. (Ferdie de la Torre)

FIRE

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ported at 10:58am, moved toward the Miller estate on Capital Hill, while its tail end spread into the deep jungle of Talafofo.

DFEMS positioned teams east of the Miller estate and in Talafofo to monitor the blaze and prevent the flames from approaching residential area.

As of 5:3pm Friday, the fires by Miller's estate and had Talafofo died out.

A DFEMS duty team was assigned to spot check the areas for any flare ups.

Last Monday, March 26, a big brush fire of unknown cause broke out in Papago below Mt. Tapochau and spread to Kannat Tabla the following day, destroying 120 acres of

olic devotees who made the

trek up Mt. Tapochau, with

those who made it to the top

greeted by sunshine and a

The trek started later than

usual last Friday, with the 30-

foot cross that was supposed

to be carried and planted at

the top of Mt. Tapochau arriv-

ing at the base of the mountain

around 6am. The cross is usu-

ally carried up the mountain

on the shoulders of devotees.

Some view it as a form of

atonement; others as a reli-

Devotees started gathering

The trek started around

6:15am, with about 30 to 35

men taking turns to carry the

enormous cross up Mt. Ta-

According to one devotee,

he has never missed a single

Good Friday trek and always

helped carry the cross and

mount it at the peak of Mt. Ta-

"I have been doing this for

years...this is all I can offer as

my way of apologizing for my

wrongdoings throughout the

Rep. Jose Itibus said he par-

ticipates in the trek and helps

carry the cross because it is al-

Itibus said he has been do-

ing this for so long that it has

already become a custom not

just for himself, but also for

ways a new experience.

at the base as early as 4am last

Friday to welcome the cross.

gious obligation.

pochau.

pochau.

year," he said.

cool, constant breeze.

WEATHER

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vegetation.

Last Tuesday, a brush fire in San Juan, Marpi re-started again but it eventually died out.

Several brush fires have broken out on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota since last February.

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Guam recently issued a notice that the drought period in the CNMI is expected to worsen in the next couple of weeks.

Following the issuance of the notice and with the expectation of moderate to occasionally strong trade winds over most of Micronesia in the next couple of months, the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management is advising CNMI residents to refrain from outdoor burning activities to avoid wildfires and endanger surrounding life and property.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training at **Warning Area 517**

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on April 3 and 5 from noon to 8pm. W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Banks are open for public use. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser

exercises. (PR)

NMC invites public to **Open Mic Night**

Northern Marianas College is inviting the public to its Open Mic Night on Friday, April 6, 2018, at The Shack in celebration of National Poetry Month. The event welcomes participants of all ages and a diverse range of poems to share. Admission is free and food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information contact Adam Walsh at adam.walsh@ marianas.edu. (PR)

Candidates invited to appear on radio show

All candidates running for public office will be given equal air time regardless of party affiliation on the Marianas Agupa radio talk show from May 2018 to Sept. 30, 2018.

To schedule your radio appearance on the talk show, contact show host Glenn H. Manglona as soon as possible at 287-4536 or via email gmanglona@gmail.com. The deadline to secure your air time on the show is April 30, 2018. Do not wait, contact now and make arrangement.

Candidates on Rota and Tinain, your radio appearance will be through phone patch by Thomas D. Mendiola and David M. Cing, respectively.

The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. Listeners on Saipan, Tinian and Rota and those listening via streaming are encouraged to call in and ask questions during the show (direct to studio at 234-5929 or use Marianas Agupa Facebook account via instant messaging.) (PR)

SPACE LAB

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future of China's ambitious space program.

What will happen and how great is the danger?

The European Space Agency predicts the station will reenter the atmosphere between Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon—an estimate it calls "highly variable," likely because the ever-changing shape of the upper atmosphere affects the speed of objects falling into it.

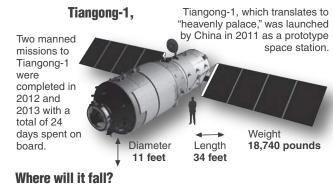
The Chinese space agency's latest estimate puts reentry between Saturday and Wednesday.

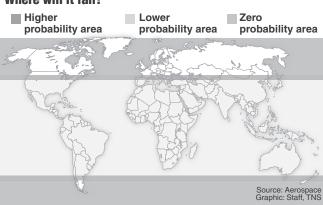
Western space experts say they believe China has lost control of the station. China's chief space laboratory designer Zhu Zongpeng has denied Tiangong was out of control, but hasn't provided specifics on what, if anything, China is doing to guide the craft's re-entry.

Based on Tiangong 1's orbit, it will come to Earth somewhere between latitudes of 43 degrees north and 43 de-

Falling space station

The Chinese space station Tiangong-1 is expected to make a crash landing to Earth between March 29 - April 4. The spacecraft will burn up upon re-entry, but some space debris may survive. Odds are slim that the debris will land in populated areas.





grees south, or roughly somewhere over most of the United States, China, Africa, southern Europe, Australia and South America. Out of range are

Russia, Canada and northern Europe.

Based on its size, only about 10 percent of the spacecraft will likely survive being its heavier components such as its engines. The chances of anyone person on Earth being hit by debris is considered less than one in a trillion.

burned up on re-entry, mainly

Ren Guoqiang, China's defense ministry spokesman, told reporters Thursday that Beijing has been briefing the United Nations and the international community about Tiangong 1's re-entry through multiple channels.

How common is manmade space debris?

Debris from satellites, space launches and the International Space Station enters the atmosphere every few months, but only one person is known to have been hit by any of it: American woman Lottie Williams, who was struck but not injured by a falling piece of a U.S. Delta II rocket while exercising in an Oklahoma park in 1997.

Most famously, America's 77-ton Skylab crashed through the atmosphere in 1979, spreading pieces of wreckage near the southwestern Australia city of Perth, which fined the U.S. \$400 for littering.

The road going up the mountain was lined in places with groups that handed out free food, water, or coffee. Some handed out fruits.

Every year, a selected parish on Saipan is given the opportunity to organize the Good Friday trek. This year, the role was given to the San Antonio

According to San Antonio Parish's Fr. Romil Aperocho, the event is hosted to participate a bit in the suffering of that Jesus Christ went through thousands of years ago and to thank him for the salvation that his death brought.

"This is our way here on the island of showing as a people of always trusting in His protection," he said.

Aperocho said it that it is deeply rooted in Catholicism to commemorate Christ's death every year during Holy

"This is like sharing a little bit of the suffering with Him that he had for our salvation," he said.

Aperocho said its always amazing to see the community come together, once a year, and make the trek.

San Antonio Parish decided to raise the trek up a notch by posting, for the first time, 14 prayer stations for devotees who either couldn't keep up with the speed of the cross, or who couldn't make the entire journey up the mountain.

"We planted 14 prayer stations for slow walkers so that they can pray...so that people will not just be walking up here for no reason at all, just because everybody walks but because they have a purpose,"

REVIEW

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a change in the Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or the Fuel Adjustment Charge rate," said Manglona.

LEAC, which represents the cost of CUC's fuel consumption, is also called the FAC.

Manglona added that other "pressing issues" relate to water electric charges, or WEC, and wastewater electric charges, or WWEC. Manglona pointed out that the "high percentage" of water customers fee is built in with the WEC." that are not properly metered or are not metered at all are affecting the WEC.

"As a result [of high percentage of water customers not properly metered or are not metered at all], many customers are not conserving or monitoring their actual water consumptions, and the costs of wastage are passed to all the other ratepayers," he said.

Manglona asked CUC for information on the WWEC pertaining to the fee for wastewater service and "how this

There is a concern that this combination of fees creates an unreasonable burden on CUC customers," said Manglona.

Manglona did not specify his sources and did not give CUC a deadline to respond.

He added that a previous CUC proposal "several years ago" sought to replace the WEC and the WWEC with a nominal electric surcharge. He noted that this proposal has yet to materialize.

"...This change in sur-

large base of electric usage.

"It was said that under this proposal, CUC customers will experience a decrease in their monthly utility bills," he said.

charge will allow the rate to be recalculated every time there is a change in the LEAC/FAC rate," he said. He quoted CUC in previous statement on the proposal that the corporation would be able to "recoup all its water and wastewater electric charges in the long run by spreading these costs over a

> the entire CNMI community. "I do it as one of my obligations during Lenten season," he said.

BUILDING SHUTDOWN

Covering her mouth with a mask, CNMI Supreme Court deputy clerk of court Nora V. Borja hands over documents to a staff of a law firm at the main entrance of the Guma Hustisia or the House of Justice building in Susupe on Wednesday afternoon. The building has remained closed to the public since last March 16 due to airconditioning system and mold problems.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

IN LAWSUIT OVER DERAILED UB40 CONCERT

CA entertainment company excluded in amended suit

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REPORTER

A San Diego, California resident engaged in the entertainment business is not a necessary party to a lawsuit over a failed concert of the English reggae and pop band UB40 in Guam and Saipan in 2015, according to the owner of a local entertainment company.

Steven Brownstein, owner of Steven Brownstein Entertainment, said a plaintiff is not required to sue all of the conspirators since coconspirators are jointly and severally liable for all damages caused.

Based on this, an absent co-conspirator is not a required party under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, said Brownstein in explaining why he did not include Fredrick Holloman as a defendant in his amended lawsuit.

Holloman, a resident of San Diego, was engaged in the entertainment business through an entity known as Shae Entertainment Management in La Jolla, California.

In April 2017, Brownstein sued Jason H. Aldan and Holloman and 10 unnamed co-defendants for allegedly defrauding his company of \$115,000 by misrepresenting to have the UB40 perform in Guam and Saipan in 2015.

Brownstein was unable to serve Holloman with process in the original lawsuit.

Last November, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed Brownstein's two claims of fraud and unjust enrichment against Aldan.

Last January, Brownstein filed his first amended complaint.

The amended complaint had the same causes of action in the original case—fraud and unjust enrichment—against Aldan and 10 unnamed codefendants. It contains more details, but removes Holloman as one of the defendants.

Brownstein, through counsel Steven P. Pixley, asked the court to hold Aldan and codefendants liable to pay him unspecified damages.

Aldan then filed a motion to join Holloman in the lawsuit as a necessary party.

In Brownstein's response

to the motion, Pixley said Aldan's argument runs counter to the longstanding principle that joint tortfeasors need not be joined in one action.

Joint tortfeasors refer to two or more individuals whose negligence in a single accident or event damages another person.

Pixley said Aldan acknowledges that Brownstein's claims are legally grounded upon an alleged conspiracy between Aldan and Holloman.

Indeed, Pixley said, this conspiracy allegation is expressly alleged in Brownstein's first amended complaint.

Pixley said Brownstein, however, does not dispute that Holloman's joinder is feasible as argued by Aldan in his motion.

In citing the background of the case, Pixley said Aldan met with Brownstein on Saipan in May 2015, in which they discussed the promotion of a performance by UB40 on Saipan and Guam.

Aldan agreed to put the deal together. Aldan introduced Brownstein to Holloman. Brownstein never met Holloman face-to-face.

On June 2, 2015, Brownstein entered into a contract with Holloman to provide various services relating to the performance of UB40 on Saipan and Guam.

Brownstein wired the sum of \$75,000 on June 2, 2015, to Holloman.

At a conference call on July 21, 2015, with Holloman, Aldan, and one Mark Lamica to discuss the concert, Aldan allegedly represented to Brownstein that he would need to send an additional \$37,000 to Holloman.

Brownstein wired \$37,000 to Aldan's account in Hawaii. Aldan allegedly wired these funds to Holloman.

On Jan. 26, 2016, Brownstein learned that the funds to secure UB40's performance had not been paid. Pixley said Aldan was evasive when asked about this.

In his motion to dismiss the claims against him, Aldan, through counsel Robert T. Torres, asserted that Brownstein has not alleged any facts to show that he benefited.





Ninth Circuit HS civics contest to conclude April 8

FRANCISCO—The 2018 Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, an essay and video competition for high school students, has been extended to account for an early spring break in some school systems.

The new deadline for entries is 11:59pm Pacific Time on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

For more information, visit http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/ civicscontest.

The contest is open to young people in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, the U.S. territory of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Students in grades 9-12 in public, private and parochial schools or home-schooled students of equivalent grade sta-

The theme of the contest is "The 14th Amendment 150 Years After Ratification: What Does Equal Protection Mean to Students?"

Students are challenged to write an essay or produce a video focusing on how Congress and the federal courts have applied the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to public education, whether in admissions, classroom instruction or athletics.

Students may enter both the essay and video competitions. A student is allowed to submit one essay and to submit one video either as an individual or part of a team

High surf seen until Wednesday Hazardous surf will persist

risk of rip currents.

through at least Wednesday

and there will be increased

The public is advised to

avoid venturing near reefs and

exposed beaches, especially

those facing north and west, as

rip currents will be life threat-

ening. If you become caught

in a rip current, remain calm

and swim parallel to shore

and back toward the beach

when possible. Do not attempt

to swim directly against a rip

current. (EOC)

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, northwest swells from Typhoon Jelawat were forecasted to increase surf on north-and west-facing reefs to hazardous levels last night.

A high surf advisory is in effect until 5am this Wednesday.

Surf on north- and westfacing reefs were expected increase to hazardous levels of 8 to 10 feet last night. tus may enter.

by the Courts and Community Committee of the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit and the federal courts in the 15 judicial districts that make up the circuit.

A total of \$7,000 in cash

The contest is cosponsored

of up to three members.

prizes will be awarded with the top three finishers in both the essay and video competitions receiving \$2,000 for first place, \$1,000 for second place and \$500 for third place.

The first-place winners along with a parent or guardian also will be invited to attend the 2018 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Anaheim, California. The conference is an annual gathering of federal judges and lawyers practicing in the federal courts.

At least one U.S. Supreme Court justice typically participates in the conference and usually meets with the contest winners.

By entering the Ninth Circuit contest, students are automatically entered into any local contest taking place in their districts.

For more information about the Ninth Circuit Civics Contest, contact the Ninth Circuit Office of the Circuit Executive, (415) 355-8973 / civicscontest@ce9.uscourts.gov. (PR)

NMC Charter Day talent auditions on Friday

The planning committee for Northern Marianas College's Charter Day celebration is inviting performers to audition for the event's Proa Factor Talent Competition.

Singers, dancers, dance groups, slam poets, musicians, bands, DJs, and other talented performers are encouraged to audition.

In previous years, NMC has hosted Marianas Idol and Battle of the Bands at the NMC Charter Day celebration, but this year all categories of performers are invited to showcase their talents at NMC's second Proa Factor.

Interested individuals or groups must be 12 and older to compete. Top contestants will perform at Charter Day on April 13, 2018.

Entry forms for the contest are due by Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 4pm. Live auditions will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018, at 6pm at NMC in room

D1. Those who are interested can log on to www.marianas. edu for an online form. Paper applications are available at NMC's cashier window and can also be submitted at the cashier window.

All bands and dance groups of more than eight members must submit a video recording of their audition to compete. A video submission is strictly for bands and large dance groups only. The video submission deadline is on Thursday, April 5, 2018, and the video can be sent to charter.day@marianas.edu.

The Charter Day festivities will kick off at 4pm and will continue until 10pm at the NMC south field in As Terlaje on Friday, April 13, 2018. The event will feature various entertainment and competitions. Numerous vendors will also be selling food and drinks, as well as hosting game booths.

As part of its commitment



NMC's Charter Day committee is inviting the community members to participate in the Proa Factor talent competition. Auditions will be held on Friday, April 6, 2018, at NMC in Room D1. Entry forms are due on Thursday, April 5, 2018 by 4pm. Those who are interested can email charter.day@marianas.edu for an entry form. For more information contact Kenneth Gabrido at 237-6770 or kenneth.gabrido@marianas.edu. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

to promoting healthier health habits, sugary drinks will not be sold at Charter Day. This includes sodas or other drinks with high sugar content. Water and coconut water will be available for purchase.

Contact kenneth.gabrido@ marianas.edu or call 237-6770 for more details about the PROA Factor Talent competition. For more information about Charter Dav email charter.day@marianas.edu. (PR)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-003

LOWER BASE SEWER PHASE 1 – LIFT STATION AND FORCEMAIN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Lower Base Sewer Phase 1 – Lift Station and Forcemain in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of new installation of a lift station and forcemain, a new generator building, new and tapping into the existing forcemain. The work also includes the installation of air relief valves, gate valves, and asphalt pavement restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 300 calendar days from date of award of contract.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Economic Development Authority (USEDA) and the Department of Interior (USDOI). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEDA and USDOI.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on April 10th, 2018 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-003, Lower Base Sewer Phase 1- Lift Station and Forcemain" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 2nd, 2018, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment* Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on April 18th, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Christie L. Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Assistant via email christie.sablan@cugov.org and to Travis Spaeth, CUC Project Engineer via email address travis.spaeth@cucgov.org .

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government All bids shall become the property of CUC.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-18-015

TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION SECTION, SAIPAN CNMI The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals

LEASE OF OFFICE/WAREHOUSE SPACE FOR CUC POWER DIVISION

from firms for the lease of office & warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The proposed office space may be situated within or adjacent to the warehouse. The office & warehouse must have a loading

dock and parking stalls that can accommodate over-sized heavy equipment (e. g. bucket trucks, augers and backhoes). Additionally, the proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan

Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-015, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for CUC Power Division Transmission and Distribution Section, Saipan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than April 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST). Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. Proponents shall comply to all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on March 28, 2018 to Manny B. Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Lee Lieto, CUC, Acting Power Division Manager via email address lee.lieto@cucgov.org, Adrian Reyes, CUC, Power Division Engineer via email address adrian.reyes@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

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Scholarship, Labor reach out to CNMI students in Guam



CNMI Scholarship Office administrator Rose Pangelinan, CHCC Hospital Services director Jesse Tudela, University of Guam dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Margaret Hattori-Uchima and colleagues after the outreach presentation."

The CNMI Scholarship Office, in partnership with the CNMI Department of Labor, recently held their first outreach in Guam.

The outreach held on March 6, 2018, was intended to provide CNMI students studying at the University of Guam and Guam Community College an opportunity to learn about new programs and workforce initiatives.

CSO chair Geralyn Dela Cruz said it is always the intent of CSO to reach out to as many CNMI students that are pursuing their degrees.

"Throughout the years, CSO has created more programs and established more partnerships that will provide students with even more access to scholarship programs they can avail of than ever before. Being able to hold these types of outreach will also help students understand the needs of our workforce and how their skills/knowledge once they graduate with their degree can help benefit not only themselves, but our islands' workforce," she added.

CSO administrator Rose S. Pangelinan, Labor Secretary Vicky I. Benavente, CHCC Hospital Services director Jesse Tudela, CSO Workforce Program coordinator Monique Sablan, and CSO WICHE-CNMI student representative Carmen Sablan were able to engage with CNMI students to learn more about their scholarship needs as well as to encourage them to return to the CNMI.

"We are working every angle to entice more CNMI and U.S. citizens to work in the Marianas," said Benavente. "We're grateful to the Scholarship Office for providing the Department of Labor an opportunity to meet with students in Guam. We were able to share information with these students about the workforce needs of the CNMI employers and we also listened to their challenges and goals."

The presentation discussed multiple existing and new programs available for CNMI students, including topics such as:

- Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education program (Professional Student Exchange Program)
- Washington University in St. Louis and Mariana Islands program

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Guam Community College Communications & Promotions assistant director Jayne Flores and Apprenticeship program specialist Melvin Cruz together with CSO Workforce Program coordinator Monique Sablan, and administrative officer Carmen Sablan.

■ Train and Revitalize through Academics, Internship and Networking program

■ CNMI Department of Labor Employment Services

At the end of the presentation, students were able to voice their concerns and questions regarding scholarships and workforce issues.

Following the presentation, Pangelinan and her colleagues were able to meet with the University of Guam dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Dr. Margaret Hattori-Uchima to discuss their current nursing program.

Hattori-Uchima led a tour of the nursing school and provided exclusive access to their simulation lab as well as the different equipment, materials and teaching methods they utilize on a daily basis to enrich each nursing student's ability to learn.

"I think it's important that the CNMI Scholarship Office reaches out and sees the CNMI students when they're here. We've heard from the students that there are a lot of differences, especially in the way of life and having their support system change when moving to Guam. I think having outreach from the CNMI makes them feel that they have that support system, which will make them more likely to go back home," Hattori-Uchima said.

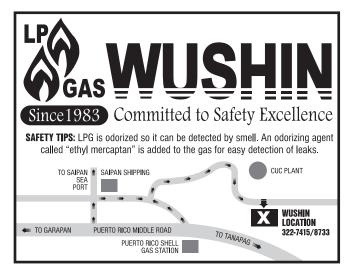
"It's important especially in healthcare workforce development that there continues to be a focus on nursing, social work, and public health. Like the CNMI, Guam also has a

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CSO also met with the University of Guam financial aid office director Mark Duarte

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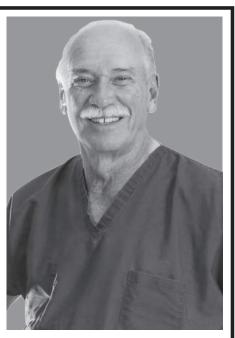
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and admissions supervisor Angie Anthonio to establish regional collaborations with UOG in hopes to better serve and improve enrollment and financial aid services for CNMI students. CSO explored avenues for data collection of all CNMI graduates so that the government can identify our workforce resources.

Duarte said he gained a better understanding of the scholarship process for CNMI students attending UOG, including the process by which the scholarships for CNMI students are done an streamlining disbursement and the need to track awards to be able to comply with federal aid awarding guidelines. Discussion also focused on sharing information with the scholarship office on the academic performance of their awardees, which can assist the CNMI in the evaluation of the effectiveness of their scholarship program.

"I want to be able to collaborate on issues of college affordability by pulling financial aid and scholarship officials from the region and creating an organization that will actively address issues from federal financial aid to local government and private scholarships," he said.

"Our goal is to ensure that we provide not only the best programs and opportunities for our students pursuing their postsecondary, graduate and post-graduate studies, but to also streamline the process for these services as well. Our students on Guam make up the second highest group of recipients for our financial assistance. I'm thankful to...Duarte for his willingness to welcome our



CNMI Scholarship Office administrator Rose Pangelinan, administrative officer Carmen Sablan, University of Guam financial aid office director Mark Duarte and Admissions supervisor Angie Anthonio after their meeting

quest to establish regional collaborations to improve the enrollment and financial aid services for our students and tract their academic performance. I look forward to building this partnership that will expand opportunities for our CNMI students at UOG," Pangelinan said.

From this meeting, CSO will be drafting a memorandum of agreement in the next weeks to begin the partnership to expedite scholarship disbursement for CNMI residents, which will be effective fall 2018. CNMI residents attending UOG will soon be receiving their scholarships/ loans through electronic funds transfer once the MOU is signed. This will cut the current paper check award processing time from 3-5 weeks to 10-14 days at the most.

CSO also met with Guam Community College's Communications & Promotions assistant director Jayne Flores and Apprenticeship Program

specialist Melvin Cruz to discuss their current apprenticeship program, which caters to Guam employers and their employees.

The GCC apprenticeship program, in partnership with the Guam Department of Labor, combines on-the- job training with trade-related classroom instruction.

CSO hopes to be able to utilize the GCC apprenticeship model to develop their own internship and apprenticeship programs that are currently in the works.

On the last stretch of their trip, CSO met Herbert Johnston, who is the Education Director for the GCA Trades Academy in Guam.

Johnston shared with CSO the wide variety of training programs in fields ranging from carpentry and automotive technology to project management and safety. GCA Trades Academy provided insight to its operations and success due to their innovative

management and full partnership with the private sector.

Pangelinan noted that the CNMI workforce is at a criti-

"It's important that we keep our students abroad informed and engaged with current initiatives and opportunities available to them.

She said it is important that the CNMI Scholarship keep an open dialogue with future workers to hear their concerns as they are the new generation that will be the driving force behind a healthy and prosperous economy.

"Understanding and finding ways to decrease brain drain in the CNMI will not solve the shortfall in our workforce, but it will help. We hope that though these outreach efforts, we will be able to keep our students engaged and remind them that we value their inputs. Our goal is to convey the CNMI's dire need for their services," he said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres



GCA Trades Academy Education director Herbert Johnston and CSO administrator Rose Pangelinan following their meeting and tour of the trades academy. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

said the outreach is just one of several key initiatives undertaken by CSO to address the CNMI's workforce development issues.

"Rose and her dedicated team at our Scholarship Office have done great work to make sure that our students abroad get the support they need and have an organic desire to come back home to their islands. Workforce development is challenging, and we all know that. But we have now put in place some key programs and initiatives that create opportunities for graduates when they come home. In the meantime, they have worked hard to ensure that NMTI, NMC, PSS, and Latte Training Academy get the support they need to develop our U.S. workers here. It's not easy, but

we have made great progress in creating opportunities that our graduates can come back home to and serve our community," he added.

From this trip, the CNMI Scholarship Office truly believes that they have opened up a channel for communication between Guam and the CNMI in regards to scholarship, financial aid and workforce development. CSO will continue their efforts in reaching out to CNMI students across the pacific and in the mainland in order to help them succeed in their educational efforts.

For more information on the types of programs and scholarship opportunities, email the CNMI Scholarship Office at awards@cnmischolarship.net or call (670) 664-4750. (PR)

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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, April 03, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CHCC Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill.

AGENDA Meeting Call to Order

Determination of Quorum Review and Adoption of Agenda Ш Review and Adoption of Minutes (02/15/18) V. VI. **Public Comments** Chairperson's Report VII. Director's Report VIII. Investigator's Report IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature A. Governor's Office

B. Legislature New Business

XIII.

XIV.

XI. XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review

New Applications: B. Renewal Applications: Miscellaneous Business

Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.

A. Physician #0608 XV. Announcements A. Next Meeting Date B. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Theodore R. Parker, R.Ph., MPH

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION HENRY SABLAN) NO. 11-0044 HOESCHNEIDER and ELENA BABAUTA HOFSCHNEIDER Defendants.

THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 9, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 002 G 72, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat no. 002 G 03 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 90-1900, the description therein being incorporated herein by

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, April 27, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

<u>Terms and Conditions of Sale.</u> The Terms And Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and condition shall govern the conduct of sale.

DATED, this 22nd day of March, 2018:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS Plaintiff, CIVIL ACTION PEDRO TUDELA BORJA and RUTH SALUDES BORJA

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on January 24, 2017, I will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 010 K 34, situated in Dandan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 924 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check no. 010 K 01, dated August 19, 1987, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 87-2909, the description therein being incorporated

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/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION CIVIL ACTION ANTONIO C. BARCINAS) NO. 16-0130 and ROMONA S.N. BARCINAS Defendants.

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant

to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 15, 2017, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and condition set fort hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 018 B 159, situated in Tanapag, Saipan, Northern Mariana Island, containing an area 901 square meters, more or less, mas more particularly described on Drawings/Cadastral Plat no. 018 B29, the original of which as recorded on July, 17, 1997, as Document no. 97-1706, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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DATED, this 22nd day of March, 2018:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The mater of the Petition to Appoint General FCD GU CIVIL Guardianship For: ACTION NO. 18-0120 Mark Allen Cruz De Arroz NOTICE OF Minor Child HEARING Maggie Mae Palacios Charfauros Petitioners)

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on April 20, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom before Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2018.

Patrick V. Diaz Clerk of Court /s/ Deputy Clerk of Court



GOOD FRIDAY OUTREACH

Members of the Tau Gamma Phi NMI Council pose for a group photo after their annual community outreach work last Good Friday on Mt. Tapochau. TGP members handed out water, milk, and other refreshments to people who made the trek up Saipan's tallest peak.

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Typhoon weakens as it passes near Agrihan

Jelawat peaked late Saturday night as a super typhoon but weakened to a tropical storm as it continued barreling yesterday toward the Northern Islands.

Moving east-northeast at 14 miles per hour with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph, Tropical Storm Jelawat's center at 1pm yesterday was only 35 miles north-northwest of Agrihan and 85 miles north-northwest of Pagan.

According to the U.S.

rapidly as of 1pm and could soon be downgraded to a tropical depression.

As of 8am yesterday, a tropical storm warning was in effect for Agrihan and Pagan as Jelawat was moving east at 10 miles per hour, with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph.

Jelawat did not pose a threat to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

A tropical storm warning means tropical storm condi-

Guam, Jelawat is weakening winds of 39 mph to 73 mph are expected within the next 24 hours.

> Jelawat was expected to pass around 25 miles north of Agrihan late Sunday night or early this morning, Monday.

> NWS also issued yesterday high surf advisories for north and west facing reefs of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam as large swells from Jelawat across the region.

NWS said Jelawat remains a very disorganized tropical National Weather Service tions including damaging storm as vertical wind shear

continues to wreak havoc on its storm structure.

As of 7am yesterday, the

center of the storm was 125 miles west of Agrihan, 135 miles of west-northwest of la Torre)

Pagan, and 280 miles northwest of Saipan. (Ferdie de



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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY **COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018**

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The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is announcing the availability of an **estimated** \$1,264,412.00 in Community Planning and Development (CPD) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. NMHC anticipates receiving an estimated amount of \$902,206.00 in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); \$293,829.00 in Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, \$68,377.00 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2018.

The CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) to meet other urgent community development needs

The CDBG program requires a grant recipient to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of person. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulation and applicable local law.

HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financing assistance, site acquisition or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert to buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention and rapid re-housing activities. Use of ESG funds must

Applications for the use of CPD funds are available for pick up at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) located in Garapan, Saipan; San Jose Village, Tinian; and, Songsong Village, Rota, beginning January 03, 2018.

You may also obtain the application online at www.nmhcgov.net in the section titled "Public Notice/Announcement" subsection "Community Planning Development

Applications must be submitted to the NMHC Offices in Garapan, Saipan (Saipan Residents); San Jose, Tinian (Tinian Residents); and, Songsong Village, Rota (Rota Residents) by April 06, 2018, no later than 4:30 p.m. Applications submitted after April 06, 2018, will not be accepted.

A briefing will be conducted for interested applicants and for those applicants who have picked up an application for the use of CPD funds. The briefing will address the program requirements and regulations concerning the usage of CPD funds.

The schedules for briefing are as follows:

February 07, 2018, 6:00 p.m. for the island of Saipan February 08, 2018, 6:00 p.m. for the island of Tinian February 09, 2018, 6:00 p.m. for the island of Rota

We are encouraging all non-profit, for profit, and government service providers who are providing services to people with disabilities, homeless individuals, and emergency shelter administrators and operators to attend this briefing.

For residents living on the island of Saipan, the briefing will held at the NMHC Office in Garapan; Residents living on the island of Tinian, the briefing will be held at the NMHC Office in San Jose Village; and Residents living on the island of Rota, the briefing will be held at the Rota Mayor's Office Conference Room in Tatachog.

Accommodations for disabled individuals or other non-English speaking individuals who wish to attend the briefing are available upon request by giving at least 24 hours notice prior to the meeting so that such needs can be arranged and provided. Additional inquiries, concerning the CPD program, may be directed to Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director or Mr. Jacob Muna, Planner/Environmental Officer at 234-6866 or 234-7689.

Jesse S. Palacios Corporate Director

TO RAMON S. AND REBECCA B. DELA CRUZ:

Ramon Santos Dela Cruz is in default upon his Note dates August 25, 2006, secured by a Mortgage of the same date. executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the Real property covered by Mortgage

Lot no. 001 G 74, situated in Kagman I, Saipan,

Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 729 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 001 G 03, the original of which was recorder 20 March 1986 as document no. 86-0510 at the Office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

(b) Date and amount of Note and Mortgage: August 25, 2006; \$11,214.00

- (c) Amount due for principal: \$483.38 as of June 1, 2017
- (d) Amount due for interest: \$2,362.21 as of June 1, 2017
- (e) Daily accruing interest: \$2.51

If the principal, interest, and late charges \$2,845.59 plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees in the amount of \$500.00, are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice upon you, you will be in default, Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30) day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Si Ramon Santos Dela Cruz ti ha komple I kontratan debiňa (Promissory Note) ni ma fitma gi Agosto 25, 2006, ni afabobot i Mortgage ma asegurao ni ma empeňa (Mortgage) un propiadat tano, ni afabobot I Northern Marianas Hou Corporation

(a) I deskripsion tano ni ma empeneňa (mortgaged):

Sito numiro 011 G 74, ni gaigi gi Kagman I,

Saipan, Northern Marianas, ni ha konsiste un aria 729 kuadrao metro, mas pat menus, mas patikulamente ma eksplika gi Drawing/Cadastral Plat numiro 011 G 03, I orihinat ma rekodia 20 Matso 1986 komu dukumento numiro 86-0510 gi ofisinan I Commonwealth Recorder, Saipan.

(b) I kantida yan I fechan este na debi yan empepeňa: Agosto 25, 2006; \$11,214.00

(c) Kantida un debi para principat: \$483.38 asta ki Juňio 1, 2017 (d) Kantida un debi para interes: \$2,362.21 asta ki Juňio 1, 2017

(e) Interes kadi dia: \$2.51

Yangin ti un apasi I kantida na principat, interes, yan apas pot atrasao (late charges) \$2,845.59 yan I rasonle na apas abugado pot \$500.00 gi halom trenta (30) dias despues di I fetcha ni un risible este na notisia, un ma konsidera komo ti unkomple I kontratamu (default), ya siempre u-matutuhun kontra hago a kausan kotti ni para uma kondena ya uma bendi I propriadat tano'mu ni un empepeňa guato ni Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Solo yangin halom trenta (30) dias dispues de un resibe este na kata yan un kontra minagahet-ňa pot I apudera sino komo I pattida, siempra bai in hongge an asientadu a apulera. Pago yangin un kattayi ham gi halom este I trenta (30) dias siklo man infofotma hao pot I apudera sino komo I pattida para un kontra, pues bai in henta infotmasion pot I dibi-mu dispues un ma kattayi I kopia pot este na de'unta. Anai in resibe I katta-mu gi halom trenta (3) dias siklo, bai in nai'l hao in na'an yan address I akredot komo ti parehu na akredot ma indika guini hulu.

Este na kata para u ma na'kesiňa ma rikohi I dibi-mu. Meseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera – siňa bai in usa para bai ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.

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EDITORIAL

Facebook's privacy woes are a good reminder nothing comes free—even online

t's easy to forget how young the Silicon Valley companies that dominate so much of our lives really are. One need be only a freshman in high school to have been born in a time before Facebook existed. And a baby delivered on the day Google was incorporated would turn 20 only this September.

In just the single lifespan of a teenager, those two firms—along with many other competitors and allies—have generated riches and international clout to rival the nation's grandest commercial enterprises. Ad sales made Google's parent company the fifth-most-profitable in the U.S. last year, and Facebook's ads drove it to \$10 billion in profits as well, enough to rank 20th among the Fortune 500.

Vast as these companies are, it's not the dollars involved that reveal how deeply embedded they have become in our lives. Some 1.4 billion people worldwide use Facebook daily. Google conducts as many as 40,000 searches per second.

In addition to greatly enriching the firms, this ubiquity has also created whole new digital economies and marketplaces for countless other companies. For the rest of us, it has provided constant and often extraordinarily helpful services and conveniences.

And it's all been free of charge. In lieu of payment, the companies ask merely for us to provide a peek into our most private lives and telling habits. We provide real-time information about families, friends, our likes and dislikes, locations, travel, eating, drinking, reading and viewing habits—and much more.

In short, we consent to be not their customer, but their product. They sell to third parties an opportunity to sell us things, to tell us all kinds of stories—true or trivial or just made up—and to influence our behavior as consumers and citizens.

For many, it has seemed a healthy exchange. You keep me in touch with my friends, long-lost cousins and classmates, and I'll let you have access to everything you want to know in order to sell my attention to your clients.

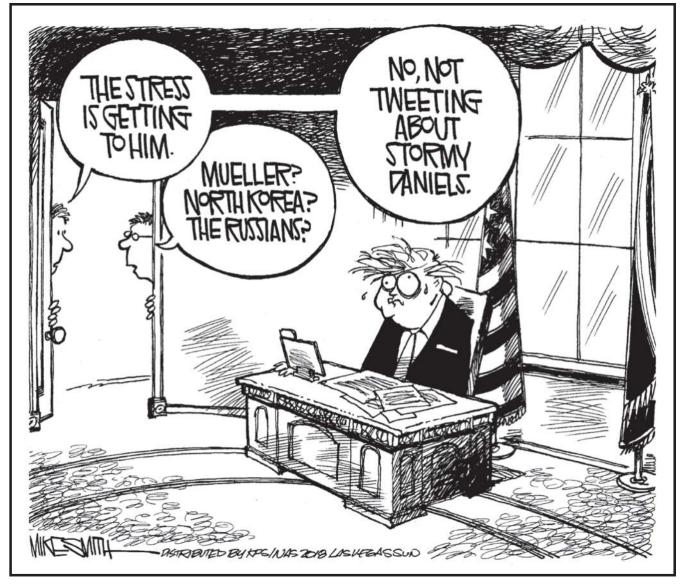
But the tides are turning. Many have been outraged by revelations that Russians and other have exploited Facebook's close knowledge of we, the users, to further inflame our public discourse, and how third-parties unscrupulously used users' personal data without their consent.

In its wake, more of us are second-guessing our relationship with Facebook, and with the countless other firms that trade access to our private lives for their otherwise free services.

Most Americans aren't ready to cut ties to their social media sources. But the companies would be foolish to ignore this moment of recalibration. The companies, and the users and everyone involved, should commit to auditing these relationships, if they are to remain healthy.

What should happen next?

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6 creepy things about Trump's alleged affairs

here are six reasons why President Donald Trump's alleged affairs with Stormy Daniels and Karen McDougal are even more cringe worthy than other ordinary liaisons engaged in by men occupying powerful positions, and they are not really about the sex:

1. It's not the sex: It's the short-cuts.

Trump likes to delegate. He likes convenience. He likes fast food and maybe fast everything else. He chooses quick and easy over slow and steady, prizing convenience. From recent accounts, Trump doesn't even bother working at relationships. The adult film star and the Playboy model required no prep work: It's like getting personalized, customized, perfectly proportioned selections delivered to your home, office or bungalow.

Not that other presidents haven't had sex. As we all know from our ninth-grade American history books and from HBO's John Oliver, President Warren G. Harding was enough of a flagrant philanderer to put a blush on the cheeks of other Oval Office occupants. Harding famously admitted, "It's a good thing I wasn't born a girl because I could never say no." But even Harding (who had sex with his mistress, Nan Britton, in the White House broom closet) was clearly willing to make an effort. Trump, in contrast, has somebody else—in the case of Daniels, it was his attorney, Michael Cohen—clean up and pay the tab.

2. It's not the sex: It's the substitution of sex for intimacy.

Don't you get the idea that Trump's inner-life is as deserted as an empty mall in a failing suburban neighborhood? Doesn't it seem as if his family circle is woven together from a series of loose ends? Wouldn't you say his friendships (not only the ones with Stormy and McDougal) seem bought-and-paid-for? Why, once people get to know him, does Trump need to litigate for loyalty instead of inspiring it? Why doesn't he have one guy who's a real pal?

3. It's not the sex: It's his rising polls.

After hearing an adult film star summarize her reaction to having sex with one of the most powerful men in the world as, "Ugh, here we go" (thereby proving that power is not always an aphrodisiac), you might have thought Trump's star would be downsized.

But you'd be wrong: Trump's approval numbers were strong after Stormy Daniels' interview. Apparently lots of insecure men, fearful both of shark attacks and what women will say about their desirability once non-disclosure agreements are off the table, feel an even deeper sense of solidarity with Trump.

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The Hartford Courant

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4. It's not the sex: It's the creepy scent.

"Calling Dr. Freud—emergency." Trump supposedly tells women with whom he wants to have sex that they remind him of his daughter Ivanka. Karen McDougal and Stormy Daniels both alleged that Trump used the "You're special enough to have been sprung from my own loins" line of seduction. As every woman knows, being told by an old man that you remind him of his offspring is not usually the world's most effective pick up line, although it's probably better than saying "Let's play Genesis 19: 30-38 and I'll be Lot."

5. It's not the sex: It's the settlement.

Abigail Rockefeller, an engineering major working in my office, suggested this one. Abigail chafed at Trump's payout: "\$130,000 would pay in-state room and board, fees and books for four years and leave enough for the acquisition of a nice 3-D printer."

For \$130,000, a person could also purchase a "1,218-square-foot home with 1.0 bathrooms" in Indianapolis, a 2017 Porsche 911 or a Rolex watch designed for the Dubai ruler and vice president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al-Maktoum (sold at an auction last week). In addition, as Susan Martin from the Tampa Bay Times reported, \$130,000 was how much local developers lost in the failed Trump Tower Tampa debacle in 2015. Some suggest that Trump had once promised Stormy Daniels an apartment there.

6. It's not the sex: It's the silence.

If they're working hard to keep you quiet, then you must have something dangerous to say. Just because you've had sex doesn't mean you're willing to get screwed. If you're required to shut up and bullied into keeping secrets, then the truth must be pretty powerful. Like a shark, the truth has teeth.

Intimidating census question certainly will make many nervous

By FABIOLA SANTIAGO

MIAMI HERALD

he U.S. census matters to every American, regardless of race, ethnicity, immigration status or party affiliation. If you don't answer it, you're putting in jeopardy big-dollar projects like Metrorail expansion in Miami-Dade, or needed road upgrades all over Florida. The statistics drawn from the 2020 census will be used to determine the level of federal funding for cities, states and counties. It's competitive. Funding for projects like roads, bridges, and public transportation and housing depends on the impact of growth. Heath-care dollars are affected, too.

If you don't answer the census, your decision also affects what party dominates state politics for another decade. The count helps determine how federal and state election districts—where political battles are waged—are drawn. Who governs us, in turn, affects every level of public service and quality of life.

And now President Donald Trump is adding a citizenship status question to the 2020 census.

There's little this president won't do to undercut the growth and vitality of minority communities.

There's the vilification and assault on legal family immigration from which his own wife, Melania, and son Barron have benefited. There's the rewriting of immigration law to expand what constitutes a "public charge" to deny public services to immigrant families, including green-card holders and U.S. citizens. There's the terrorizing of minority enclaves, businesses, and transportation hubs with ICE and Border Patrol raids and searches.

No detail escapes the Trump administration in its attempt at social engineering to return to a demographically dominant white conservative America. The proposal to add the citizenship question to the census is another strategy to weaken minority communities and to play political games by hurting Democraticleaning states, cities and counties.

The intimidating citizenship question will surely put off people already uneasy about answering the census and will lead to further undercounting of minority populations, experts say. Citizenship hasn't been a question on a decennial census since 1950.

"Any question, including one regarding citizenship, that could in any way discourage an accurate count, must be omitted," retiring congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Miami, said in a statement. "The census is not a means to do an immigration head count. It is a means to help all of our constituents with their needs regardless of their immigration status."

This will mean less minority representation in government and fewer federal resources parceled out to those states and communities with Hispanic, black, and Middle Eastern populations—exactly what Trump is seeking.

Every single group that feels singled out and under attack by Trump and his supporters will shy away from divulging to the government all the personal information amassed in the longform decennial survey.

Some 12 states are considering a lawsuit to block the administration, arguing that the change would cause undercounting and violate the Constitution, which clearly states that the purpose of the census is to get an accurate count of everyone who lives in this country, regardless of status. The multi-state lawsuit in the works is led by New York State Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman. California has already filed its own lawsuit.

But the Republican-dominated state leadership in Florida, one of the highest-growth states in the nation and Trump's second

FACEBOOK'S

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We need a three-part compact between the Internet titans, users and government:

1. Companies are going to want to use our information from search histories to friends lists to social media likes and dislikes—to better target the ads they sell to third parties. Fair enough. But they should make it easier for users to opt out and limit what information can be used.

They must enable users to block any firm from providing that information in a way that identifies the user to a third party. When exceptions are required by law, the users should be informed and the companies should insist on a subpoena or warrant.

- 2. Users should audit privacy settings on each app they use, and take the critical step of reconsidering which apps they sign into through Twitter, Google or Facebook. How well do you really trust the company behind the latest app you installed on your phone?
- 3. Congress and other governments must demand accountability from Facebook and others and insist on strong firewalls between the identities of the people whose data they use to sell adds and the firms who purchase them.

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home, is ignoring the politically charged topic.

Florida isn't on the list of states contemplating a lawsuit—but it should be. The Hurricane Maria impact alone merits their lobbying Trump to stop the blatantly harmful question. It will lead to undercounting of thousands of Puerto Ricans who are U.S. citizens and other Caribbean islanders who've moved here recently.

But don't count on the Republicans who helped put Trump in office to lift a finger. They benefit from the undercount. Republicans want to keep their political dominance and see Democraticleaning minorities as a threat, despite plenty of evidence that Hispanics in Florida can swing both ways or remain independent voters. It'll take a Democratic sweep in the 2018 elections to

change the anti-immigrant mindset pervasive in policy-making.

The purpose of the U.S. census isn't to help authorities go out hunting for undocumented immigrants nor to discriminate when doling out tax-dollars based on whether you're a resident or a citizen.

Most of Trump's policy-making is designed to be used as a tool to ideologically and racially shape the nation.

But people are wise to be distrustful of this administration.

The only way to fight back effectively is to vote in November—and to answer the census, citizenship question be damned.

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April is National Poetry Month

Tinian Moonlight Memories

Night time southeast cliff notes

The moon reflects on the water lighting the waves but it never gets wet it is the sun's loving darling daughter oceans use its changes all they can get The moon lights up clouds in the sky icy circles surrounding it are reflected on tropic nights when looking up high cool winds from the north are expected Tonight I reflect on the passing of loved ones from my family and many life long friends comforted by moonlight reflecting sunlight knowing the birth to death cycle never ends Soft raindrops on my face more coming soon mix with teardrops under a changing moon

Sirius the Dog Star Sings

in Canis Major, the Year of the Dog 2018-

On the cliffs high above the ocean starlight shines over Pacific calm the Milky Way divides the sky above my head hangs Orion's belt planets rise slowly in the east on Mother earth's spinning wheel viewed from northern Long Beach on clear nights across the reef Jupiter shines on tranquil water tonight its clear and is easy to see

Good Friday and Christians' role in the death penalty

By JEFF HOOD

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

ood Friday always beckons us to think deeply about our role in the execution. Word spread quickly. The crime was unspeakable. The reward for his capture was great. The government was desperate to get him off the streets. Nobody knew what he was capable of next. Considering him to be exceedingly dangerous, law enforcement planned carefully. For some time, they'd practiced and discussed the take.

When the moment arrived, one of the fugitive's confidantes revealed his location. As authorities made the arrest, those closest to him pushed back. It was no use. It was as if he knew his fate.

Government officials repeatedly declared that a monster had been taken off the streets. Everyone wanted justice. Believing some level of due process was necessary to keep from giving their power over to the mob, local officials restrained themselves. Everyone knew that this was a big one. Insult after insult flew. Then, the time came.

When the doors opened, he immediately became aware of how public his case was. Though he'd seen reports and heard rumblings, he wasn't aware of the magnitude of the hate. The weight of it all was almost too much to carry. Weak in the knees, he determined to keep moving. The people kept calling him a monster. The words were painful. However, it was more painful to realize that they were calling everyone he loved monsters, too.

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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typhoon season is coming soon fresh water springs bubble near the shore a winter hexagram of bright stars frames Betelgeuse on Orion's shoulder in the Big Dog constellation Sirius sings

Turn Page After Page in Good Reading Light

Inspired by Do Not Go Gentle Into that Good Night, written for his father by Dylan Thomas b.10/27/1914, d. 11/09/1953.

Skip those cheap romance novels tonight you'll have time enough some other day but turn page after page in good reading light try a biography or something on starlight because their words and world surround you life events similar to your own cosmic twilight good books take looks at life and its plight where particle physics interference holds sway true tales big bangs and subsequent star flight don't leave out poetry, some new but more old true lives of heroes from yesteryear and yesterday read of cosmos expansion turning dark and cold take care of your eyes as day turns to night turn page after page in good reading light.

The walk was long.

There was no question what everyone wanted. Death was in the air. The authorities gave him a chance to save his life, but he didn't take it. Nobody could believe it. Who wouldn't take the opportunity to save his own life? He was subjected to further punishment and then offered the chance at life again. He declined. Death it was

The path was long between the place of judgment and the place of execution. At every step, the cries of monster overwhelmed his brain. The religious people seemed to be the ones shouting the loudest. In the midst of it all, he stumbled a few times. I guess that's the nature of all difficult paths.

As the place of execution approached, the governor had one last chance. Citing his faith, the governor let the killing continue. Waiting for death, the man prayed. Slowly, he was strapped in. His great crime was raised up for all the world to see. God felt so far away. How could he have been so forsaken? His final words echoed in the beings of all who heard them, "Into your hands I commend my spirit."

Death came with a rush. In great agony, he took his last breath. It was finished.

The accounts of Jesus' sacrifice and death always move me deeply. But this narrative is not about Jesus. This is a narrative of Rosendo Rodriguez, convicted of killing two women and stuffing their bodies into suitcases. Texas executed him last Tuesday. God was there, and so was I. Under the rain, I watched. While I cannot say what Rodriguez' crimes meant for his soul, I can say what his execution means for ours.

The message of God died on that gurney. We killed our neighbor. We damned our persecutor. Surely God hates what we have done. Like it or not, our death penalty makes killers of us all. How are we any different than he? Only abolition can save us. The offer of life is on the table.

Will we take the deal?

Jeff Hood is a Baptist pastor and author. He wrote this for The Dallas Morning News.

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The Weather

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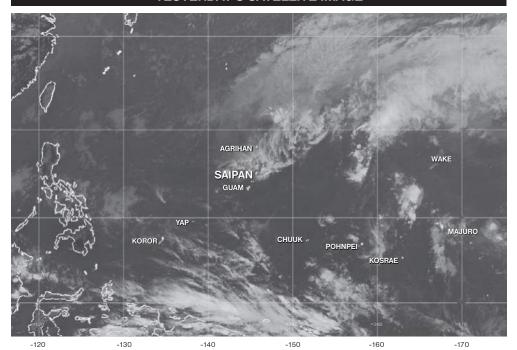


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Tropical Storm Jelawat was located around 300 miles to the north of the local area this morning. Southwest winds south of the tropical storm prevail over the local islands. Jelawat is moving over the CNMI near Agrihan. Winds will gradually come from the west as Jelawat moves northeast of the local area. Northeast trade-winds will return by Tuesday. Only isolated showers are expected through the forecast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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London	Rain	52° / 46°
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Manila	Partly Cloudy	80° / 71°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	70° / 52°
Miami	Mostly Sunny	78° / 71°
New York	Partly Cloudy	46° / 38°
Osaka	Sunny	72° / 55°
Paris	Cloudy	61° / 48°
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Suit challenges denial of citizenship in US territories

Does Congress have the power to defy the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee that all persons born on U.S. soil and subject to U.S. jurisdiction are citizens of the United States by birth?

This is the question raised by a federal lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah on March 27, 2018, on behalf of a group of passport-holding, tax-paying Americans denied recognition as U.S. citizens and the right to vote simply because they were born in American Samoa, a U.S. territory since 1900.

Fitisemanu ν . United States makes the case that Congress cannot redefine the citizenshipclause of the Fourteenth Amendment to deny citizenship to persons born on U.S. soil, whether born in a state, a territory, or the District of Columbia.

"I was born on U.S. soil, have a U.S. passport, work hard, and pay my taxes. But based on a discriminatory federal law I'm denied citizenship and the right to vote. I cannot understand how I can be a passport-holding American, but not be recognized as a U.S. citizen," said John Fitisemanu, lead plaintiff in Fitisemanu v. United States, who lives in Woods Cross, Utah. "This isn't just unfair, it's unconstitutional."

Fitisemanu's U.S. passport includes a disclaimer stating in capital letters that "THE BEARER IS A UNITED STATES NATIONAL AND NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN."

Other individual plaintiffs include Pale and Rosavita Tuli, who reside in Kearns, Utah and have faced barriers to employment opportunities and other challenges because they are not recognized as



EQUALLY AMERICAN/KATRINA KEIL YOUD John Fitisemanu holds an American flag and passport.

U.S. citizens.

"Thousands of American Samoans living in Utah and other states are denied voting rights and job opportunities because they are labeled with the second-class status of 'non-citizen U.S. national.' It's 2018—we should no longer have two separate classes of Americans," said Susi Lafaele, co-founder of the Southern Utah Pacific Islander Coalition, a non-profit that that advocates for greater empowerment of the Pacific Islander community in Southern Utah and is a plaintiff in the case.

Plaintiffs are represented by Equally American, a non-profit that advocates for equality and civil rights in U.S. territories, attorneys at Gibson, Dunn, &

Crutcher LLP, and Charles V. Ala'ilima, a prominent American Samoan attorney.

"Since 2016 we have heard from more than five hundred American Samoans living throughout the United States who want to be recognized as U.S. citizens without having to go through the costly and burdensome naturalization process," said Neil Weare, president and founder of Equally American. "If someone has a birth certificate showing they were born on U.S. soil, they shouldn't have to jump through any more hoops to be recognized as a U.S. citizen."

"The text and history of the citizenship clause demonstrate beyond doubt that the Constitution's guarantee



Pale and Rosavita Tuli



of birthright citizenship applies in states and territories alike," said Matthew McGill, a partner at Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher LLP, who is joined by Gibson Dunn associates Jacob T. Spencer and Jeremy M. Christiansen. "It is important that federal courts make clear that Congress has no power to redefine the Constitution's guarantee of birthright citizenship or to create two classes of Americans."

"American Samoa's leaders believed in 1900 when the American flag was raised over their islands that with U.S. sovereignty came a right to U.S. citizenship," said attorney Charles V. Ala'ilima. "We plan to show they were right, and in so doing ensure that American Samoans living in Utah and other states are able to enjoy the same rights as other Americans."

In 2016, Equally American (then "We the People Project") and former solicitor general Theodore B. Olson sought Supreme Court review of a ruling by the D.C. Circuit in Tuaua v. United States holding that Congress may deny citizenship to persons born in U.S. territories.

The D.C. Circuit's opinion, authored by Judge Janice Rogers Brown and joined by Senior Judges Laurence H. Silberman and David B. Sentelle, broadly expanded the reach of the Insular Cases, a

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very difficult loss.

series of controversial decisions that have been criticized by First Circuit Judge Juan Torruella and others as creating a doctrine of "separate and unequal" status for residents of U.S. territories.

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eight-justice preme Court declined to review the much-criticized decision, despite seven amicus briefs filed by a diverse array of academics, former judges, current and former officials from U.S. territories, and civil rights groups. As a result, the question of whether citizenship is a constitutional right or congressional privilege for the nearly 4 million Americans living in U.S. territories remains unresolved outside the D.C. Circuit.

"In the absence of recognition as U.S. citizens, people born in American Samoa are citizens of nowhere. Our people deserve better," said Loa Pele Faletogo, president of the Samoan Federation of America, an LA-based community organization that was one of the plaintiffs in Tuaua.

The impact of the denial of citizenship on the American Samoan community living in the states has been featured in a documentary short film and HBO's Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. (PR)

Autism group to host Quiz N

Seven years later and with a champion called Busch Knights, Quiz Nite 7 looks to rock Saipan on April 14 at Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Celebrate Autism Awareness Month this April by attending Quiz Nite on Saipan, Tinian, or Rota this year!

Do you have what it takes to win Autism Society's Quiz Nite 7? All you have to do is come and play...if you dare! You will have a total of five rounds of 10 questions each, 25 questions will be autism or other disability related, while the other 25 are random facts like what is the distance to the moon in miles?

The smallest team size has been three people and the largest has been 14 folks; however, your team only gets one answer, so make sure you pick the right one.

Every team member pays their \$30 entrance fee and can join any team. First, we eat, mingle and meet folks from all over island, and then the game starts at 7pm sharp!

Team Ikaika won third place last year and has been a staple at Quiz Nite. Second place winner Team Hokkaido also came close.

"We hope to see Team Hokkaido come back this year to win it all! The goal this year is to knock off team Busch Knights from the top position," the organization said in a statement. In the end, when the dust settles, one team will reign supreme!

Will last year's winners reclaim the first-place trophy? Or will a new team, hungry and eager, take the trophy?

For those on Tinian and Rota, Quiz Nite 2 Tinian will be held at the Antonio M. Borja Amphitheatre on April 28, and Quiz Nite 2 Rota will take place at the Rota Roundhouse in Songsong, also on April 28.

On Tinian last year, Team "Too Cool" made up of teachers took home the first-place trophy. They have bragging rights until April 28!

Last year's Quiz Nite 1 Rota was on Channel 5, with Team "Freedom Fighters" taking the first-place trophy.

Call Thomas M. Thornburgh at (670) 783-6378, Julie Pagcaliwagan at (670) 285-1769, or Dawn Sablan at (670) 588-4078 for tickets! (PR)

Dead Andersen airman is identified

ANDERSEN AIR **FORCE** BASE, Guam—The active duty airman that passed away early Tuesday morning at a temporary lodging facility on base has been identified as Hale

Airman First Class Bradley G. Hale, 20, deployed here from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana.

Hale was found unresponsive and pronounced dead at approximately 3 am, March 27.

'Our focus is on supporting the families, the affected unit, and our community," said Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Cox,



professional support services are assisting those affected by this tragedy and our prayers and thoughts remain with them."

Chaplains, tal health professionals and counselors are available and ready to assist those in need. For more information on Andersen Air Force Base support services, please visit our website, www.andersen.af.mil.

A subject is in custody, and the cause of death is currently under investigation. (PR)

Jackson to obtain master's degree

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, 566 students at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will receive diplomas during commencement. The ceremony will be held at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. FM1788, Midland, Texas 79707.

Among those graduates is Garrett Steincamp Jackson of Saipan, who will earn a master of arts degree with a major in special education. (PR)

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Good Friday

PHOTOS By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA



CNMI Executive Branch employees pose for a photo as they pass out fruits and water to trekkers during the annual Good Friday trek last Friday at Mt. Tapochau.



Catholic devotees help carry the 30-foot cross to the peak of Mt. Tapochau to be mounted during the annual Good Friday trek last Friday.



The 30-foot cross is blessed before it is carried up and mounted at the highest peak of Saipan, Mt. Tapochau, during the annual Good Friday trek.



San Antonio Parish's Fr. Romil Aperocho says a few prayers before the 30-foot cross is mounted during the annual Good Friday trek last Friday up Mt. Tapochau.



Hundreds of devout Catholics participate in the annual Good Friday trek last Friday up Mt. Tapochau.



Catholic devotees join San Antonio Parish's Fr. Romil Aperocho as he recites prayers during the annual Good Friday trek last Friday up Mt. Tapochau.



Catholic devotees successfully mount the 30-foot cross at the peak of Mt. Tapochau after a few attempts during the annual Good Friday



Devotees kiss the 30-foot cross before it is mounted during the annual Good Friday trek last Friday at Mt. Tapochau.



For the first time, 14 prayers stops were mounted across the Mt. Tapochau trail for individuals who can't keep up or can't make it to the



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Business

How you're tracked online—and what you can do about it

NEW YORK (AP)—Though Facebook gets the attention because of a recent privacy gaffe, the social network is far from alone in collecting massive amounts of data on you to help marketers sell you stuff.

Google, for one, also does extensive tracking to power its advertising engines. And many other websites and apps run ads sold by Facebook and Google and exchange data with them. Beyond that, plenty of services including Uber and Amazon keep detailed histories on you.

Here are some of the ways to block or minimize such tracking—but they come with trade-offs.

TRACKING IDs

Websites have long used unique IDs in "cookies"—data files stored in your browserto know it's you when you return a week later. Cookies also let advertising networks run by the likes of Facebook and Google connect you as you visit multiple websites. Phones and tablets have a device advertising ID that apps can use to track you.

■ Combatting this: You can reset the cookie ID by clearing cookies periodically. Most browsers also have a private mode to limit tracking through cookies, though it's not foolproof. Companies can still link you if you've signed in, for instance. As for the device ID, you can reset that or tell advertisers not to target ads through the phone's settings.

Many browsers also let you install add-ons that block ad trackers. Notable add-ons

include Ghostery or the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Privacy Badger.

■ The trade-offs: You'll still get ads, just not targeted ones. And clearing cookies makes your browser forget who you are, so you'll have to sign back into any site that was saving your login. Tracker blockers can sometimes prevent websites from displaying or working properly.

LOCATION SERVICES

Many apps need your location to work. Mapping apps, for instance, can't tell you when to turn without knowing where you are. Video services typically have rights only in certain countries and need to verify your location. But location can be used for much more. Google, for instance, keeps a fairly detailed account of your whereabouts through a feature called Timeline.

- Combatting this: You can turn off location services in the phone's settings, though for apps to work property, it's better to turn them off for specific services that don't really need them. As for Timeline, you can pause or delete location history in Google settings.
- The trade-offs: Some apps won't work without your location. Others, such as weather apps, will require you enter your location manually. And you might miss out on recommendations such as better commuting routes via apps like Waze.

SIGNING IN

Signing into an online account gives services a sure-fire way of tracking you. Facebook won't work at all without an account; Google merely

works better with one. And you'll generally need an account with any service that charges you, although sometimes you can sign in with your Facebook or Google ID instead.

■ Combatting this: Resist creating an account or signing whenever you can-such as when you're merely browsing rather than buying. Avoid using Facebook or Google IDs whenever possible, as those companies could then track you. You can also use a dif-

ferent email address for each account to frustrate efforts to connect you across services, although it can be a major pain.

■ The trade-offs: Some services require signing in, and creating accounts on each service means more passwords to remember (though you might consider using a password manager). Whatever you do, don't reuse the same passwords across service; that makes them easy to hack.

IP ADDRESS

The Internet Protocol address lists where your phone or computer lives on the internet; it's how you get messages and load websites. But IP addresses can also help companies remember who you are and link the various devices you use, since most homes use a single IP address for the whole network. Databases can also map IP addresses to

■ Combatting this: You can mask your IP address by using a secure intermediary.

physical locations.

VPN services, common in corporate settings, will route your traffic through a separate IP address; a secure web browser called Tor automatically sends traffic through multiple third parties. You still need to avoid signing in.

■ The trade-offs: Tor can slow down performance, particularly with high-data tasks such as video. And with VPNs, you need to trust the VPN operator, whether that's your boss or a private

service.

Trump goes after Amazon—again—over postal delivery



WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump is again attacking online retailer found the contract with Ama-

Amazon.com, calling its business deal with the U.S. Postal Service to deliver packages a money-losing agreement that hurts U.S. taxpayers. Federal regulators, however, have zon to be profitable.

In tweets Saturday, Trump said "the U.S. Post Office will lose \$1.50 on average for each package it delivers for Amazon. That amounts to Billions of Dollars."

He added: "If the P.O. 'increased its parcel rates, Amazon's shipping costs would rise by \$2.6 Billion.' This Post Office scam must stop. Amazon must pay real costs (and taxes) now!'

Amazon has been a consistent recipient of Trump's ire. He is sore because its founder, Jeff Bezos, owns The Washington Post, which Trump has labeled "fake news" after the newspaper reported unfavorable developments during his

campaign and presidency.

Trump made the link himself in Saturday's tweets, accusing Amazon of using the "Fake Washington Post" as a lobbyist. The Post and Bezos have responded to Trump's lobbyist claims in the past by declaring that Bezos is not involved in any journalistic decisions at the paper. Amazon.com Inc. and The Washington Post declined to comment Saturday.

Amazon lives and dies by shipping, and an increase in the rates it pays could certainly do some damage. Amazon sends packages via the post office, FedEx, UPS and other services.

But while the U.S. Postal

a box for an Amazon prime customer moves through the new Amazon Fulfillment Center in Sacramento, Calif.

In this Feb. 9, 2018, file photo,

Service has lost money for 11 years, package delivery - which has been a bright spot for the service - is not the reason.

Boosted by e-commerce, the Postal Service has enjoyed double-digit increases in revenue from delivering packages, but that hasn't been enough to offset pension and health care costs as well as declines in first-class letters and marketing mail. Together, letters and marketing mail make up more than twothirds of postal revenue.

In arguing that the Postal Service is losing money on delivering packages for Amazon, Trump appears to be citing some Wall Street analyses that argue the Postal Service's formula for calculating its costs is outdated. A 2017 analysis by Citigroup did conclude that the Postal Service was charging below market rates as a whole on parcels. Still, federal regulators have reviewed the Amazon contract with the Postal Service each year and determined it to be profitable.

A spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service declined to comment. An independent agency, it does not use taxpayer money for its operations.

Trump's call for tariffs creating anxiety in the farm belt

HOSPERS, Iowa (AP)—In Sioux County, where swine barns interrupt the vast landscape of corn-stubbled fields, exports of meat, grain and machinery fuel the local economy. And there's a palpable sense of unease that new Chinese tariffs pushed by President Donald Trump—who received more than 80 percent of the vote here in 2016—could threaten residents' livelihood.

The grumbling hardly signals a looming leftward lurch in this dominantly Republican region in northwest Iowa. But after standing with Trump through the many trials of his first year, some Sioux County Trump voters say they would be willing to walk away from the president if the fallout from the tariffs causes a lasting downturn in the farm economy.

Last week, Trump announced plans to impose tariffs on a range of Chinese goods, a move aimed at punishing Beijing for stealing American technology. The Chinese government responded with a threat to tag U.S. products, including pork and aluminum, with an equal 25 percent charge.

That sent a chill through places like Sioux County, which ranks first among Iowa's 99 counties in agricultural exports. In 2016, the county sold \$350 million in meat, grain, machinery and chemicals overseas. Far closer to the sparsely populated crossroads of South Dakota and Minnesota than Iowa's bustling Des Moines metro area, Sioux County is home to just 34,000 people, but more than 1 million hogs, 6 million chickens and nearly as impressive numbers of cattle and sheep.

Nationally, opinions on Trump's tariffs, which were a central part of his campaign pledges to get tough on China,

Although GOP congressional leaders have argued tariffs would prompt a trade war and have urged Trump to reverse course, 61 percent of Americans who identify as Republicans nationwide favor a tariff, according to a national poll taken this month by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Still, 39 percent of Republicans say it will lead to a decrease in jobs, according to the poll, compared to 32 percent who think it will lead to an increase. That's similar to the views of all voters, the survey shows.

Richard Branson buys Hard Rock casino-hotel in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) —The Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas will be overhauled over the next several months following its purchase Friday by billionaire Richard Branson.

The property with about 1,500 rooms and suites off the Las Vegas Strip and eventually become Virgin Hotels Las Vegas. It will continue to operate under the Hard Rock brand through the end of 2019, when

the renovations are expected to be completed.

The 23-year-old property will remain open during renovations, which will take place in multiple phases. The company said it will invest "hundreds of millions of dollars" to transform the property, but it was not immediately clear whether the hotel-casino will keep its current entertainment venues, including a

popular dayclub.

The property will retain its casino floor, which will be managed by a partner. Some of the large rock memorabilia that the Hard Rock casinohotel owns may go to storage.

"The guitar may not survive," Branson said referring to a massive guitar outside the hotel. "But we have a giant 'v', which is sort of guitarshaped, which may take over."

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Family of man killed by police joins rally for reform

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—The family of Stephon Clark joined hundreds of people at a rally urging California's capital city not to let his memory or calls for police reform fade nearly two weeks after the 22-year-old unarmed black man was killed by Sacramento officers.

Clark's fiancee, Salena Manni, stood on stage with his two young sons, grandmother and uncle for the gathering Saturday organized by Sacramento native and former NBA player Matt Barnes, who pledged to create a scholarship fund for the children of black men killed by police.

"All he wanted to do was go see his sons again, and unfortunately he can't," Curtis Gordon, Clark's uncle, said as he recalled seeing his nephew hours before the shooting. "So remember that—while we mourn, while we shout, while we cry—because it ain't just our pain, it's their pain."

Barnes amplified calls for charges against the two officers who are on administrative leave.

"It's more than color—it comes down to right and wrong," he said. "You're trying to tell me I can kill someone and get a paid vacation?"

The peaceful demonstration that drew between 200 and 300 people to a down-



town park came a day after a private autopsy released by the family showed Clark was shot from behind.

Clark was killed March 18 by two police officers responding to a call of someone breaking into car windows. They yelled that he had a gun before shooting, but it was only a cellphone. The police department says it has not received an official autopsy report from the county coroner's office.

Activists and faith leaders

called for justice not just for Clark, but for all black men killed by police. Family members of Joseph Mann, who was killed by Sacramento police in 2016, also spoke. The chairman of a police oversight commission urged attendees Salena Manni, the fiancee of police shooting victim Stephon Clark, holds the couple's son, Aiden as she and Clark's uncle, Curtis Gordon attend a rally aimed at ensuring Clark's memory and calling for police reform, Saturday, March 31, 2018, in Sacramento, Calif.

to continue their activism by showing up to meetings and pushing for systemic change.

Community leaders urged the city to set a national example.

"This little small town can show this nation our great big heart," the Rev. Kevin Ross said.

About 150 people attended another vigil and protest Saturday night outside a sheriff's department office. It was the latest disruptive but mostly peaceful demonstration since Clark was killed.

Protesters have twice blocked fans from entering games involving the NBA's Sacramento Kings at a downtown arena, but there were no signs of trouble amid a big police presence at a game Saturday night against the Golden State Warriors.

The Friday release of the private autopsy commissioned by Clark's family has prompted fresh outrage. Pathologist Dr. Bennet Omalu, known for his study of a degenera-

tive brain condition in football players, announced that Clark was hit by eight bullets—six in the back, one in the neck and one in the thigh—and took three to 10 minutes to die. Police waited about five minutes before rendering medical aid.

Omalu said the proposition that Clark was assailing the officers, meaning he was facing them, is "inconsistent with the prevailing forensic evidence." He said it was unclear if Clark would have survived had he gotten immediate medical attention.

A day after the shooting, police distributed a news release that said the officers who shot Clark "saw the suspect facing them, advance forward with his arms extended, and holding an object in his hands."

Police video of the shooting doesn't clearly capture all that happened after Clark ran into his grandmother's backyard. Clark initially moved toward the officers, who were peeking out from behind a corner of the house, but it's unclear if he was facing them or knew they were there when they opened fire after shouting "gun, gun, gun,"

After 20 shots, officers called to him, apparently believing he might still be alive and armed. They eventually approached and found no gun, just a cellphone.

ACROSS THE NATION

Sen. Warren says administration 'chaos' harming Asia policy

BEIJING (AP)-U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren says chaos in the Trump administration is harming its ability to formulate coherent policy toward North Korea and other important issues in Asia. Warren told reporters in Beijing on Saturday that vacancies in the foreign service are undermining Washington's ability to advance U.S interests. She says U.S. allies, while still supportive, are "searching for information" about U.S. intentions in Asia. She says President Donald Trump's agreement to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was "rash" in the absence of Pyongyang's commitment to take "any steps at all to indicate that they were serious about denuclearization."

New Asian-American, Brazilian apostles make Mormon history

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—The Mormon church made history and injected a bit of diversity into a previously all-white top leadership panel on Saturday by selecting the first-ever Latin-American apostle and the first-ever apostle of Asian ancestry. The selections of Ulisses Soares of Brazil and Gerrit W. Gong, a Chinese-Amer-

ican, were announced during a twiceannual conference of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City. The choices triggered excitement among a contingent of Mormons who for years have been hoping for the faith's top leadership to be more representative of a religion that has more than half of the its 16 million members outside the United States. The selections come during a two-day conference happening as the faith grapples with heightened scrutiny about its handling of sexual abuse reports and one-on-one interviews between local lay leaders and youth. Mormon leaders hadn>t spoken about the topic as of Saturday afternoon.

Man wounded after police say he fired at Kentucky officer

officer
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A man was shot and wounded after police say he fired a revolver at an officer during an early-morning incident in Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville police said 20-year-old Elijah Eubanks was in stable condition Saturday at University of Louisville Hospital. Neither officer was injured. It happened around 1 a.m. Saturday at an apartment complex. Louisville Metro Police body camera footage, released Saturday, shows the officers talking to

several people in a car. As the officers repeatedly ask a passenger to exit, he asks why he's being harassed. As an officer opened the car door, police say the man fired a shot at him. Police say both officers fired back. Multiple shots are heard on the video. Police Maj. Frank Hardison, commander of the department's special investigations division, said a revolver was recovered from the scene

1,000 march in Salt Lake City over Mormon youth interviews

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—About 1,000 current and former Mormons marched to the church's headquarters in Salt Lake City Friday to deliver petitions demanding an end to closed door, one-on-one interviews between youth and lay leaders where sexual questions sometimes arise. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints changed its policy this week to now allow children to bring a parent or adult with them to the interviews, but protesters said that doesn't go far enough to keep children safe. The policy change followed recent revelations that a former prominent missionary leader was accused of sexually assaulting two women in the 1980s. The exleader denies the allegations. Protesters carried signs such as "Mormon children we have your back" and "No more closed doors," saying the so-called "worthiness" meetings can lead to unhealthy shaming of youth. Some cried as they recalled being asked detailed questions about their sexual activity or being punished after admitting to masturbation.

Tesla says vehicle in deadly crash was on Autopilot NEW YORK (AP)—The vehicle in

a fatal crash last week in California was operating on Autopilot, making it the latest accident to involve a semi-autonomous vehicle, Tesla confirmed. The electric car maker said the driver, who was killed in the accident did not have his hands on the steering wheel for six seconds before the crash, despite several warnings from the vehicle. Tesla Inc. tells drivers that its Autopilot system, which can keep speed, change lanes and self-park, requires drivers to keep their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel in order to take control of the vehicle to avoid accidents. Tesla said its vehicle logs show the driver took no action to stop the Model X SUV from crashing into a concrete lane divider. Photographs of the SUV show that the front of the vehicle was demolished;

its hood was ripped off; and its front wheels were scattered on the freeway. The vehicle also caught fire, though Tesla said no one was in the vehicle when that happened.

Girlfriend accused of obstruction in deaths of Utah teens

PROVO, Utah (AP)—The girlfriend of a Utah man accused of killing two teenagers and dropping their bodies down a mine shaft has been arrested on suspicion of obstruction of justice. Utah County authorities say 34-year-old Morgan Reannon Henderson, of Mammoth, was booked into the county jail Friday after she previously was held in Sannete County on unrelated criminal allegations involving drugs and weapons. Her boyfriend, 41-yearold Jerrod William Baum, has been arrested on suspicion of aggravated murder and other charges in the December stabbing deaths of 18-yearold Riley Powell and 17-year-old Brelynne "Breezy" Otteson. Authorities say the Eureka teens were stabbed to death because they visited Henderson whom Baum had warned not to have male visitors. Police say Henderson led authorities to the mine after previously denying knowing the teens' whereabouts.

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Malala visits her hometown

MINGORA, **Pakistan** (AP)—Pakistan's Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai returned to her hometown Saturday for the first time since receiving a gunshot wound to the head there in 2012 for her work as an advocate for young women's education.

Yousafzai and her family arrived in a helicopter provided by the Pakistani military, which took her to the town of Mingora in the Swat Valley from Islamabad. She had arrived in the capital before dawn on Thursday flanked by heavy security and plans to return to Britain on Monday.

Yousafzai, 20, won international renown after she was shot by the Taliban in Mingora. She received initial treatment in Pakistan and later was taken to England for further care. She stayed on in the United Kingdom to continue her education and became the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

Yousafzai entered her childhood home Saturday accompanied by her father, mother and brother. She sobbed upon entering the home where relatives, former classmates and friends had been anxiously waiting since morning to welcome her with flowers and hugs.

Youzafzai said she waited for the moment for more than five years and said she often looked at Pakistan on the map, hoping one day to return. She said she plans to permanently return to Pakistan after completing her studies in Britain.

"It is still like a dream for me, am I among you? Is it a dream or reality," she said.

Yousafzai later returned to Islamabad, where she met with human rights activists.

Arooj Bibi, a neighbor, said she was happy to meet with Youzafzai, but was sad because her visit was so brief. Bibi said Yousafzai "lit the candle of education. God willing, there will be thousands of girls like Malala getting an education" in Swat.

Yousafzai also attended a gathering at the army's Cadet College in Swat, where the Pakistani Taliban led by Mullah Fazlullah had taken over the scenic valley in 2007, marking the height of their strength there. The Pakistani military would later evict militants from the valley.

Security had been visibly beefed up in Mingora the previous day. The Pakistani Taliban had warned after the attack on the then-14-yearold that they would target her again if they got the chance.

Yousafzai had asked authorities to allow her to go to Mingora and Shangla village in the Swat Valley, where a school has been built by her Malala Fund.

In October 2012, Yousafzai was shot in the head by a Taliban militant who jumped inside her school van and yelled, "Who is Malala?" She was targeted for speaking out on education for young women. The Taliban at the time claimed responsibility for the shooting, saying she was promoting "Western thinking," adding that they had warned her family three times before deciding to kill her.

Since her attack and recovery, Yousafzai has led the Malala Fund in which she said has invested \$6 million for schools and books and uniforms for schoolchildren.

Yousafzai has delighted in telling the Taliban that instead of silencing her, they have amplified her voice. She has also written a book, spoken at the United Nations and met with refugees.

On Friday, Yousafzai praised the Pakistan army in an interview on the independent Geo news channel for providing her timely medical treatment, saying her surgery was done by an army surgeon at the "right time."

Yousafzai has won praise from across Pakistan on her return home, but some critics on social media have tried to undermine her efforts to promote girls' education. Yousafzai told media outlets Friday that she expected criticism from militants, who had a particular mindset, but doesn't understand why some educated Pakistanis oppose her.

"Those who do criticize have an absurd kind of criticism that doesn't make any sense," she said in an interview with Pakistan's The News English-language newspaper published Saturday.

"What I want is for people to support my purpose of education and think about the daughters of Pakistan who need an education," she told the newspaper. "Don't think about me. I don't want any favor or I don't want everyone to accept me. All I care about is that they accept education as an issue."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Anti-India protests erupt in Kashmir as troops kill 8 rebels

SRINAGAR, India (AP)— Officials say at least eight rebels have been killed in fighting with Indian troops in disputed Kashmir, triggering a new round of anti-India protests and clashes. Police say the gunbattles in southern Kashmir began after government forces raided two villages in Shopian and Anantnag districts following a tip that rebels were hiding there and came under fire. The fighting is still raging in Shopian area on Sunday. The news of the killings led to intense anti-Indian protests and clashes in several parts of the southern Kashmir. India and Pakistan each administer part of Kashmir, but both claim it in its entirety. Rebel groups demand that Kashmir be united either under Pakistani rule or as an

independent country.

Building collapse kills 10 in India; 10 pulled alive

NEW DELHI (AP)—A four-story rickety hotel building collapsed in central India, killing at least 10 people and injuring another three, police said Sunday. Rescuers working through the night with sledgehammers and chainsaws pulled alive 10 people from the debris of the building that came crashing down in Indore, a city in Madhya Pradesh state, on Saturday night, said police officer Sanju Kamle. Up to five people may still be trapped under the rubble, said Nishant Warwade, the district collector. The Times of India newspaper said the dilapidated building collapsed after a car smashed its front portion. The hotel with 25 rooms was located in the commercial hub

of Indore, close to railway and bus stations. Indore is nearly 900 kilometres (560 miles) south of New Delhi.

Tibetan leader urges efforts to enable Dalai Lama's return

DHARMSALA,

(AP)—The prime minister of the self-declared Tibetan government-in-exile urged his compatriots Saturday to strengthen efforts to make the return of the Dalai Lama to his native land a reality. Lobsang Sangay also said Tibet has seen 60 years of destruction of its civilization, culture and identity by the Chinese since the Dalai Lama, the Tibetans' spiritual leader, fled to India in 1959. The Dalai Lama and Sangay spoke at a public event in the northern Indian town of Dharmsala marking the beginning of the 60th year of the spiritual leader's exile in India.

World

Russia and American diplomats leave Washington, St. Petersburg

being expelled

The U.S., Canada, and more than

a dozen European countries have

joined Britain in expelling Russian

diplomats in a show of solidarity

over the poisoning of a former

Russian spy in the UK.

Canada

Russian diplomats

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian diplomats and their families climbed aboard buses and left their embassy in Washington on Saturday while across the Atlantic, American envoys took down the flag from outside the U.S. Consulate in St. Petersburg, loaded up boxes, closed the office down and headed home.

The moves were the latest in a spy poisoning case that has escalated East-West tensions, with both sides expelling more than 150 of each other's diplomats from two dozen countries.

Britain has insisted that the Russian government was behind the nerve agent poisoning of a former Russian spy and his daughter March 4 in the English city of Salisbury, a charge the Russians vehemently deny.

The Tass news agency says all of the 60 Russian diplomats ordered out of the United States were heading for a homebound flight on Saturday night.

In St. Petersburg, workers at the US consulate hurried to meet the Saturday deadline to close the consulate, imposed by Russia just two days earlier. In brief comments to reporters, U.S. Consul-General Thomas Leary said "we are ready to leave."

A truck with bags and boxes left the consulate in the late afternoon, its driver waving and honking his horn several times. Outside the elegant 19th-century building, someone had placed four yellow tulips and a card from neighbors reading "hope to see you again."

City workers came to inspect the building late Saturday, but it was not clear if all the staff had departed.

Russians watching the activity expressed mixed views

on the consulate's closure.

Source: BBC, AP, As of 1 pm Monday Graphic: Staff TNS

"The American side always knows that we can strike back if we are attacked," said Valentina Petrova, 77.

But 24-year-old Artem Zykov saw it differently.

"Russia should have found different mechanisms to respond without such radical measures," Zykov said.

British officials, meanwhile, said Saturday the government is considering Russia's request for access to the daughter of the former Russian double agent. Russian officials insist they have a legal right to see 33-yearold Yulia Skripal, who lived in Moscow and was visiting her father, Sergei Skripal, in Salisbury when they were attacked with a nerve agent that apparently came through his front door.

The Foreign Office said soning and why.



sian request "in line with our obligations under international and domestic law," adding that the government's consideration will include "the rights and wishes of Yulia Skripal."

British officials say she is recovering in the hospital while her 66-year-old father remains in critical condition.

The Russian Embassy in London called her recovery "good news" in a tweet Friday and said Russian diplomats had a right to see her under the 1968 Consular Convention.

The Russian Foreign Ministry on Saturday also issued lists of questions it wants Britain and France to answer in the case, including to what extent French investigators have been involved in probing the poi-

Hundreds line Cambridge streets to honor Stephen Hawking

LONDON (AP)—The life of renowned physicist and author Stephen Hawking was celebrated Saturday in English city of Cambridge, with hundreds of well-wishers lining the streets for a glimpse of the hearse carrying his remains to a private funeral.

There was a spontaneous burst of applause outside St. Mary the Great church when the hearse arrived. The bells of the church tolled 76 times, one for each year of Hawking's remarkable life.

Hawking was remembered as a brave man who triumphed over motor neurone disease by continuing his research into space and time even after paralysis set in and his muscles faded.

Some 500 invited guests attended the funeral for Hawking, who died on March 14.

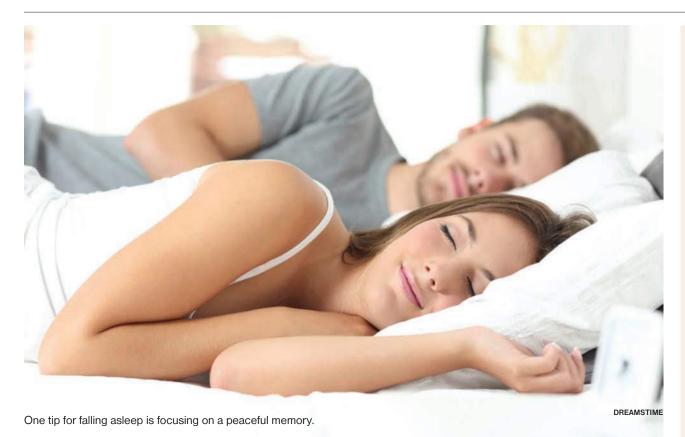
Actor Eddie Redmayne, who portrayed the scientist in the 2014 biographical film "The Theory of Everything,"

gave a reading from Ecclesiastes during the service. There was also a reading by Astronomer Royal Martin Reese and eulogies by one of Hawking's children and a former student.

Hawking's family released a statement saying they chose to hold the funeral "in the city that he loved so much and which loved him.'

Flags were lowered to halfmast in many parts of Cambridge to pay tribute to Hawking. 18 MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Health & Wellness



QUINN ON NUTRITION

Stress and By Barbara Quinn The Monterey County Herald/MCT

was trying not to feel stressed as the traffic backed up and then stopped. I was, after all, on my way to a seminar entitled "Stress, Anxiety and Depression." I took a deep breath—which was later confirmed as a great stress reliever—and was thankful I had allowed extra time to get to my destination.

Stress affects several areas of the brain, I soon learned. For example, ever wonder why we know it's not a good idea to eat a half gallon of ice cream when we're feeling tense ... but we do it anyway? Turns out the prefrontal cortex—the part of the brain that helps us make reasonable decisions—shuts down when we are stressed.

Chronic stress can also play havoc on my appetite and metabolic rate by altering hormones controlled by the hypothalamus—the brain's master control area.

Some stress can be good for survival, say experts. If I'm trapped in a burning building, for example, stress hormones rapidly pump fat and sugar into my blood to help me run to safety.

But when this same stress response is repeatedly turned on—whether I face a real threat or not—my blood pressure, blood sugar, and blood cholesterol remain elevated and impact my physical as well as emotional health. No wonder chronic stress is now recognized as a trigger for heart disease, cancer, stroke, lung disease, diabetes, accidents, pneumonia and flu.

When stress hormones are kept under control, I sleep better and my body can repair and restore itself to sanity... literally. When I am calm, my body digests food more efficiently and blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure are lower.

nutrition



Cut out caffeine at least 6 hours before beddy-bye.

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How can we do that? Here are some suggestions:

Schedule time to sleep well. Stress hormones are turned off when we are in deep sleep. And it's during this time that the body and brain are in restoration mode.

Cut out caffeine at least 6 hours before beddy-bye. That's how long it takes for this stimulant to be cleared out of the body for better sleep.

Put a lid on the bottle. Alcohol suppresses REM sleep—the deep, dream-related sleep that refreshes the brain and stores memory.

Don't rely on sleep supplements. Products like melatonin to induce sleep only encourage our brains to make less of this natural substance, increasing the problem over time. Only take sleep aids for a short term to restore natural circadian rhythm, say experts.

"Rest and digest." When I take time to calm down and eat pleasant unhur-

ried meals, my body sends out signals that improve digestion and keeps my blood sugars on a more even keel.

Take time to be active. Inactivity can trigger anxiety, while regular exercise calms the stress response.

Pick your battles. People who stress only about things they can control tend to be the healthiest and longest-lived, say experts. Which is why—as I watched the traffic back up on my drive home—my first thought was for ice cream. But my second thought, after I took a deep breath, was to remember the serenity prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

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things people with depression need to do everyday

By BARTON GOLDSMITH

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Yes, you are depressed. I know that place way too well, and I work my butt off to stay out of the D-zone. Here are 10 little things that will give you a lift. You may not think you have the energy to do them, but, trust me, you can. It's as easy as reading this article.

When you wake up, get your butt out of bed. Lying there will only let the negative thoughts gather energy. Once you start moving, your frame of reference for the day will change. You know this is true.

Before making your coffee, or whatever your morning ritual is, open up your phone and read something funny. There are so many apps that offer a joke a day and websites that point you to the funniest tombstones ("I wanted a Pyramid"). The trick is to surf the web until you laugh out loud. Once that happens, you can go on with your day.

If you have someone next to you, most likely you are a fortunate person. Most people find it hard to live with someone who's depressed; the fallout can be difficult. Your task is to communicate your appreciation to the one who loves you. That's it. This will also make you appreciate yourself more.

Plan your day. Business may be slow, and you may not have the energy to work anyway, or so you think. Even if your calendar is empty, you need to plan your day. It can be simple: Get up, eat, walk the dog, write your blog, take care of your environment. Simply knowing that you will go about the daily tasks of living can feel good, and when you are running errands or cleaning off your desk, purging files, or just doing the dishes, you won't have time to feel so down.

Get clean. When you don't have to be anywhere, it's easy to skip the shower, which isn't so horrible unless it goes on for more than a day or two. Bathing daily is healthy, it wakes you up, and you always feel better afterward. Keeping clean is a basic thing that some people suffering from depression find very difficult to do. So now you know: bathing is important, and it makes a difference.

Feed yourself well. It's easy enough to live on a diet of fast or frozen food and delivery, but it's not really nurturing or healthy. Making yourself one good meal a day can seem daunting at first, but in time you will look forward to it, because self-nurturing is still nurturing. And if you don't cook, at least order good food for yourself.

Find a way to make or save some money. If you clip a couple coupons, find a deal online for something you needed, or take back those shoes you thought you wanted but will never wear, you are making yourself a little more financially secure. Money worries are very common when you are depressed, so being a little bit careful is also healthy.

Interact with another real live human being. Depression can cause you to want to avoid other people, and almost nothing could be worse for your condition. Even if it's someone you know only casually, just saying "Hello. How are you?" will lift your spirits as well as theirs. Having a real conversation and sharing feelings can do even more.

Spend 10 minutes learning about meditation. The jury is in: meditation works. You may think it's not for you or not possible for you, but do some research. The practice is so simple, and the rewards are great.

Don't buy into depression think, where you allow yourself to be

limited by your depression. You don't have to. Depression is an illness, but it doesn't have to define who you are. Remember, you don't have to be a victim of depression, you can fight this.

Depression is horrible, and I don't want to stay in that space one second longer than necessary. It takes work to get out of it, but it is so worth the effort. Feeling some joy when you've been down is a breath of fresh air. Taking the above suggestions will make that possible.

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Life & Style

Arnold Schwarzenegger in 'good spirits' after heart surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Arnold Schwarzenegger is in good spirits as he recovers

from heart surgery in a Los tor" actor and former California valve on Thursday. His spokes-Angeles hospital.

governor underwent a sched-The 70-year-old "Termina- uled procedure to replace a played with one of his old ac-

story blew up?

December. Have you spoken

to her or the biter since this

Teigen: (Laughter.) No.

Definitely not. It is funny

though because I really be-

lieve that, we got hit so hard

as a nation by so many really

man Daniel Ketchell says he

difficult subjects, really, really

tough things. And for some-

thing like this to happen where

we can all just bond. I haven't

spoken to anybody (about it).

The funniest part about it is

it's not that big of a deal and

so not what people think.

phrases when he regained consciousness and announced, "I'm back."

> Ketchell said Saturday in an email Schwarzenegger "continues to be Schwarzenegger doing very well, in

tion movie catch-

good spirits, and recovering."

The pulmonic valve originally was installed in 1997 for

a congenital heart defect and had to be replaced.

Schwarzenegger had a motorcycle crash that left him with several broken ribs in 2001. He had a hip replaced and rota-

tor cuff surgery in 2003. He broke his right femur in a skiing accident in 2006.

Teigen talks Beyonce's bite, 'Roseanne' and her social media

NEW YORK (AP)—Chrissy Teigen says she's nervous about John Legend's performance in "Jesus Christ Superstar Live" on Sunday, but it's not about what you might think.

Legend leads a cast that includes Sara Bareilles and Alice Cooper in the NBC version of the rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. ("Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert" airs at 8 p.m. ET/7 p.m. CT.)

Teigen says her husband needs frequent bathroom breaks during concerts and may not be prepared for a three-hour live show.

Teigen is known for honest, no-filter comments like this, especially on social media. It's earned her 10 million Twitter followers and more than 16 million Instagram followers, and a lot of what she posts online ends up as a headline.

Recent examples of her clickbait include how she knows the identity of a mysterious person who allegedly bit Beyonce at a party in December; that she's stopped using Snapchat; and enjoys eating bacon.

"If I had to read this many dumb things about me all day, every day, I would hate myself so I understand the oversaturation," she said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press to promote her role as creative consultant for Pampers, which has launched a line of natural diapers and wipes.

"I would've done it for free but don't tell them," laughed Teigen, who has a 2-year-old daughter and is pregnant with her second child.

AP: When did you realize that what you say on social media gets scrutinized?

Teigen: Honestly when I

endorsement that was the first time where I couldn't say something that I thought was funny because there could be brand backlash. Or when I couldn't go to award shows anymore because I always prided myself on being an outsider so I got to comment on performances just like a regular fan. When I couldn't do that (anymore) I knew that it was over for me. I can't remember who was performing but someone clearly wasn't singing live and I said it and, wow.

AP: There are people who really appreciate your honesty because they can relate to it.

Teigen: I hope so. I really don't have the intention of things becoming a moment or a quote or a thing. Sometimes the things we do are not some grand statement about something bigger.

AP: You recently tweeted that you wouldn't be watching the "Roseanne" reboot. Why?

Teigen: It's a show that I grew up on. My dad still reminds me so much of John Goodman. I related to that family so much more than any family on television. I remember the way Roseanne would speak to D.J. about having a friend of a different race. ... I really think there's room for shows with different viewpoints than me. It is hard for me to support somebody personally that has such wildly differentthey're not even different views. It just comes down to a humanity standpoint. ... But it's hard. I love reality TV but if you want to dig into it, these shows probably aren't the greatest to watch.

AP: You say you know the identity of the person who bit Beyonce at a party in

first got my first major brand 'Casanova was more than just a lover'

VENICE, Italy (AP)—A museum is opening in the Venetian hometown of Giacomo Casanova, the 18th-century adventurer and bon vivant, in hopes of educating visitors about more than just his notorious womanizing.

The Giacomo Casanova Museum and Experience doesn't hide Casanova's libidinous side. In fact, the six-room museum includes a bedroom where a shadow installation makes it seem as if Casanova is seducing a woman right in front of visitors.

But curators are seeking to shed light on other aspects of the Venetian scholar and writer whose memoir, "History of My Life," provides one of the best chronicles of European high society of the late 18th century.

"We want this character, this person, to be known in his entirety," said museum director Andrea Cosentino. "Here we give the basis of what he was, not only as a lover but also as a man, philosopher and scholar."

In celebration of her new life

Lovingly known as Terry

Born to life: January 19, 1970 Called to Eternal Home: March 26, 2018

In here new life, she now joins her:

Son: †Damien Thomas Camacho Pua Father: †Francisco Omar Camacho

Parents-in-Law: †Damien Selepeo Pua/†Marcelina Aguon Pua

Sister-in-Law: †Maria Pua Florian

Niece and Nephews: †Antonia R. Phillip/†Steven Franklin C. Norita/

†Shane Donovan "Tawa" Camacho Laniyo

Her peaceful spirit and loving memories will forever live on in the hearts of her: Husband: Juan Aguon Pua

Children: Nadine Mae C. Pua and Miguel A. Monjaras; Paul Jr. C. and Zena S. Pua (Deiondre Dylan, Jonielle Te'ohnn); Rellany Meked Pua Ikesiil and Joseph C. Aldan III (Kiela Athena, Leeland Marley); Chantel Kapolani C. Pua (Ka'leinani Junnel, Yuria Moa); Juan Franklin C. Pua and Zerah N. Castro (Alexis Faith)

Mother: Lourdes Blas Camacho

Siblings and In-Laws: Juanita B. Camacho/Gilbert Macaranas and Children; Vicente B. Camacho and Children; Emiliana B. Camacho and Children; Tricia B. Camacho/Juan Cruz and Children; Pasqualina B. Camacho/George Camacho and Children; Franklin B. Camacho; Clarinda B. Camacho/Russ Solomon and Children; Sasha B. Camacho; Rosita R. Phillip/Joe Atalig and Children

Brothers/Sisters-in-Laws: Cynthia P. / Chester Wilson and Children; Diego A. Pua; Salaria P. / Thomas Haas and Children; Asunta A. Pua and Children; Damien A. / Rosa Pua and Children; Admanita P. / Luis Lizama and Children; Francisco A. Pua and Children; Juana A. Pua and Children; Juanita A. Pua / Murphy Fejeran and Children; Raymond A. Pua

> Terry is also loved and cherished by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godparents and friends.

Daily Masses of intention are offered at 6:00pm at Santa Soledad Church, followed by Rosary at 7:00pm at her residence in Kagaman II, Abas Dr. Talisai Avenue.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Her remains will be escorted from CHCC Chapel at 7:00am to Santa Soledad Church, Kagman. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by the Holy Rosary.

> Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment at Tanapag Cemetery. Your sincere thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated by the family.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay!

Juan A. Pua, Children, Grandchildren and Family

K-Pop time: South Koreans fly to North for rare concerts

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—From aging crooners to bubbly K-Pop starlets, some of South Korea's biggest pop stars flew to North Korea on Saturday for rare performances that highlight the sudden thaw in inter-Korean ties after years of tensions over the North's nuclear ambitions.

The concerts in Pyongyang on Sunday and Tuesday come ahead of a historic summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in at a border village on April 27. The meeting, which will precede a planned summit between Kim and President Donald Trump in May, could prove to be significant in the global diplomatic push to resolve the standoff over the North's nuclear weapons and missiles program.

The 120-member group that flew to Pyongyang also included government officials, reporters and a taekwondo demonstration team that will perform in Pyongyang on Sunday and Monday. Another team of 70 South Korean technicians went to Pyongyang on Thursday to set up equipment.

Singer Yoon Do-hyun, who previously performed in Pyongyang in 2002, was emotional after landing in the North Korean capital.

Members of South Korean Art Troupe and the Taekwondo demonstration team pose upon their arrival at the Pyongyang Airport in Pyongyang, North Korea, Saturday, March 31, 2018.

"My heart is bursting," Yoon told reporters, his eyes welling up with tears. "I am most curious about the reaction of the audience, how it would be different from 16 years ago.'

The artists were greeted by Hyon Song Wol, the photogenic leader of Kim Jong Un's handpicked Moranbong girl band who has been working out the details of the performances with South Korean officials.

"Your arrival in Pyongyang brings big expectations," she said. "A lot of famous singers have come.'

A look at the South Korean singers who made the trip and a certain horse-dancing specialist who didn't:

THE LEGEND

During stormier times, North Korea described the South's

society and culture as a "corrupt bourgeois lifestyle." Still, that didn't stop southern pop singers from performing across the border when relations warmed.

It's the second trip for the iconic Cho Yong-pil, perhaps South Korea's most influential musician of the past 50 years. He staged a solo concert in Pyongyang in 2005 during a previous era of rapprochement

between the rivals.

"It will be as comfortable performing in the North as it is to perform in the South," the 68-year-old singer said at a news conference at South Korea's Gimpo Airport on Saturday. "There's no reason for me or other singers to be nervous. We all finished rehearsing and will have a fun and comfortable time showing our music."

Seoul hasn't officially announced the titles of the songs by the South Korean artists. Cho's "Dear Friend," a ballad about a long-lost friend that reportedly drew an enthusiastic response from the Pyongyang crowd 13 years ago, will almost certainly be one of them.

It would be the third North Korean performances for female balladeers Choi Jin-hee and Lee Sun-hee, who are relatively well-known in the North.

The 61-year-old Choi will likely sing her biggest hit, 'Maze of Love," which is rumored to have been a favorite of former North Korean leader Kim Jong II, the late father of current leader Kim. Lee, who at 53 still might have the best pipes in the business, may sing "To J," one of several South Korean songs North Korean musicians performed during the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

"I hope we can create a stage where we can make an emotional connection and convey the warm feelings between the South and North," Choi said.

THE GIRLS

It won't be all slow ballads in Pyongyang. It will be interesting to see how the North Koreans reacts to girl band Red Velvet, currently one of the most popular acts in the highly

competitive K-Pop scene.

The genre, which has a huge following across Asia, has been defined by synthesized music, powerful visuals and dance moves, and teasing sexuality. In recent years, South Korea's military has used K-Pop for psychological warfare, blaring it from loudspeakers along the heavily armored border between the rivals.

"Happiness! Hello, it's Red Velvet!" band member Seulgi cheerfully shouted during the news conference.

"We're the 'maknae' (youngest of the group), so we will make sure to deliver our bright energy to the North," said the 24-year-old.

K-Pop groups have performed before in North Korea. The now-disbanded Sechs Kies and Fin.K.L sang and danced in Pyongyang in 1999, as did boy band Shinhwa in 2003. Some of the artists said later that the reaction from the audience was awkward and quiet.

Red Velvet may find a better reception more than a decade later as cultural tastes change, even in isolated North Korea. Currently, the most popular music act in North Korea is Hyon's Moranbong band, whose members often perform suggestive shimmies in short skirts with electric guitars.

Park Hyeong-il, an official at South Korea's Unification Ministry, said North Korean officials didn't show any discomfort about Red Velvet and also didn't take issue with the "red" in the band's name.

Red Velvet is originally a five-member band, but only four made the trip to Pyongyang—22-year-old Joy stayed in South Korea to film a soap opera.

NO 'GANGNAM STYLE,' **PLEASE**

Despite constant questioning from reporters, South Korean officials aren't offering a clear explanation on why PSY, the "Gangnam Style" singer, was left out of the concert lineup.

South Korea's culture ministry spokesman Hwang Seong-un said without specifying that the YouTube rapper had been initially considered for the Pyongyang events before being excluded. He said he couldn't confirm a media report that North Korean officials had rejected PSY.

"What I can say is that we explored ways to include him, but it didn't work out," Hwang said. "We hope there will be better opportunities for him in the future."

It's possible that officials from either the North or the South concluded that PSY's bizarre humor and highly sexualized music would be too provocative for the North Korean public.

Hundreds line Cambridge streets to honor Stephen Hawking

LONDON (AP)—The life of renowned physicist and author Stephen Hawking was celebrated Saturday in English city of Cambridge, with hundreds of well-wishers lining the streets for a glimpse of the hearse carrying his remains to a private funeral.

There was a spontaneous burst of applause outside St. Mary the Great church when the hearse arrived. The bells of the church tolled 76 times, one for each year of Hawking's remarkable life.

Hawking was remembered as a brave man who triumphed over motor neurone disease by continuing his research into space and time even after paralysis set in and his muscles

Some 500 invited guests attended the funeral for Hawking, who died on March 14.

Actor Eddie Redmayne, who portraved the scientist in the 2014 biographical film "The Theory of Everything," gave a reading from Ecclesiastes during the service. There was also a reading by Astronomer Royal Martin Reese and eulogies by one of Hawking's children and a former student.

Hawking's family released a statement saying they chose



The hearse containing Professor Stephen Hawking arrives at University Church of St Mary the Great as mourners gather to pay their respects, in Cambridge, England, Saturday March 31, 2018.

to hold the funeral "in the city that he loved so much and which loved him.'

Flags were lowered to halfmast in many parts of Cambridge to pay tribute to Hawking. The service was officiated by the Rev. Cally Hammond, Dean of Cambridge University's Gonville and Caius College, where Hawking was a fellow for 52 years.

A private reception was held afterward at Trinity College.

Hawking was known for his groundbreaking research into black holes and other phenomena. He was also the best-selling author of "A Brief History of Time" and other

books and a pop culture figure known for, among other things, his appearance on "The Simpsons" TV series.

Hawking will be cremated at a later date and his ashes are to be interred at London's Westminster Abbey near the remains of fellow scientist Isaac Newton.

Actress Glenn Close aims to reduce mental health stigma

ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Actress Glenn Close says she wants to live in a world where mental illness is talked about openly and accepted as a fact of life.



Close

The Emmy- and Tony-award-winning actress is in Ann Arbor, Michigan, this week for a gathering designed to bring awareness to efforts aimed at reducing the stigma associated with mental illness.

"I'm excited about every aspect of this event. I think for those of us who are coming in to participate it's very exciting, because I really look forward to talking to the students and learning about what they're dealing with," Close told The Associated Press during an interview Thursday at the University of Michigan. "There's a lot of anxiety, depression, and stigma on campuses. I think kids are really, really open and ready to talk about it."

Close, NFL player Brandon Marshall, rapper/singer Logic and others are visiting the campus to show support for the Steven Schwartzberg

Foundation, which is launching a campaign to empower students to address issues of mental health by encouraging conversations.

The campaign is called "Who Can Relate?" It takes its

name from a line in Logic's hit song "1-800-273-8255," named for the phone number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Lyrics from Logic's song include: "I don't wanna be alive/I just wanna die today," and "I want you to be alive/You don't got to die today.'

Logic is scheduled to perform Friday night with profits going to organizations that share the same goal of de-stigmatizing mental illness, including Close's Bring Change to Mind, which she co-founded after her sister was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and her nephew with schizoaffective disorder. Also benefiting from the show will be Project375, which was founded by Marshall and his wife, Michi Marshall, after the star wide receiver was diagnosed with borderline personality disorder.

Steven Spielberg takes pass on having burger named after him

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steven Spielberg has a beef with the Carl's Jr.

The hamburger chain wanted to rename its charbroiled slider a "SpielBurger." It tried to deliver samples to Spielberg's office and even left a note on his car.

Spielberg's production company released a short video on its Twitter feed in which Spielberg said the burgers are "pretty good," but "cease and desist" from naming them after him.

Carl's Jr. was excited that Spielberg responded and said he liked the sliders.

Jennifer Lopez visits Alex Rodriguez during opening day

Alex Rodriguez received a special opening day visit during his first official broadcast with the ESPN Sunday night baseball team.

His girlfriend, Jennifer Lopez, dropped by the booth at Dodger Stadium with her son Thursday.

Rodriguez was working with Matt Vasgersian and Jespopped in.

Lopez gave Rodriguez a kiss and her son gave him

Rodriguez later said Lopez geles 1-0.

sica Mendoza when Lopez is a baseball fan and her father, who grew up a Mets fan, was also there for the Dodgers-Giants opener.

San Francisco beat Los An-

Barr, President Trump revel together in "Roseanne' success

LOS ANGELES (AP) Roseanne Barr is reveling in Donald Trump's support for her returning sitcom's impressive debut, which the president says was a cultural and political breakthrough.

"It was a thrill to get a congratulatory phone call from The President of The United States of America," Barr tweeted Thursday, two days after ABC's "Roseanne" reboot drew an estimated 18.4 million viewers.

In the updated "Roseanne," Barr's support for Trump is shared by her character. For the president, it's a rare bright spot among the major TV series, award ceremonies and late-night shows that regularly skewer him.

Trump seized on its ratings during a speech Thursday in Richfield, Ohio, that was to be about infrastructure but hopscotched through other topics. He credited producer Mark Burnett, who brought Trump to reality TV in "The Apprentice," for breaking the good news about "Roseanne."

He said 'Donald, I called iust to say hello and to tell you did you see Roseanne's



ratings?' I said, 'Mark, How big were they?"" Trump recounted.

"And it was about us," the president continued. "They haven't figured it out, the fake news hasn't quite figured it out yet. ... But they will and when they do they'll become much less fake.'

The White House confirmed the Wednesday night phone call from Trump to Barr. They did not say if Trump had watched the show.

The updated sitcom starring

Barr and her original co-stars returned more than two decades after the first one ended its hit run. The hour-long debut episode was watched by 10 percent more viewers than saw the May 1997 finale of ABC's original "Roseanne."

Barr said Trump was happy for her. She said, "I've known him for many years and he's done a lot of nice things for me over the years."

Conservatives cheered the show's ratings. Matt Drudge "'ROSEANNE'

In this March 23, 2018, file photo, Roseanne Barr arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "Roseanne" on Friday in Burbank, Calif.

RATINGS BLOWOUT." Donald Trump, the president's son, tweeted "Wow amazing. Congrats @therealroseanne. If you're not too busy already maybe work in a late night show too ... seems there's some demand for an alternate viewpoint." Laura Ingraham added: "'Roseanne' reboot premieres to strong ratings, begging the question: why has Hollywood been ignoring us for so long?"

During a Q&A session with television critics earlier this year, Barr said, "It was working-class people who elected Trump. So I felt that was very real, and something that needed to be discussed."

She added that the same holds true for "people actually hating other people for the way they voted, which I feel is not American. And so I wanted to bring it (the series) right down the middle, and we did," said Barr.

Putin's spokesman likens Weinstein accusers to prostitutes

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin's spokesman says the sexual harassment complaints against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein were made by actresses who were effectively "prostitutes."

Dmitry Peskov says "they earned hundreds of millions of dollars, and after 10 years they say that Weinstein is bad," according to Russian news reports. He says "none of them went to the police, did not say 'Weinstein raped me'.

No! (they) wanted to earn \$10 million."

He went on to say "what's the name of a woman who slept with a man for \$10 million? Maybe, I'm speaking crudely, she's called a prostitute.'

The reports said the comments came Thursday while Peskov was speaking about female journalists' claims of harassment by Leonid Slutsky, chairman of the foreign relations committee in Russia's lower house of parliament.

Suspicions, deception surround elderly father's younger wife

EAR ABBY: My elderly father remarried after my mother died two years ago. He married an acquaintance who is 30 years younger at the courthouse with no friends or family in attendance. He told this woman beforehand that there was a large widow's pension he'd paid into for decades that he wanted to give to her by marrying her. She claimed to be in an "unhappy" marriage at the time, and promptly got a divorce.

Well, she and her now-ex have "suddenly started getting along just great," so she decided to continue to live with her ex after her marriage to Dad. Despite agreeing to these terms and because the woman teased him before their marriage, Dad is angry that she still won't have sex with him. Also upsetting is that when they are out socially, his new wife still introduces her ex as her "husband" and Dad as their "friend."

Now we learn, despite assurances during discussions with an attorney prior to the marriage that she would never exercise her rights as a spouse to any other funds or property, she's asking my dad for a monthly allowance so she can retire, since she has no savings.

Abby, do we have any recourse in this situation? Do you think we are right to call my father's marriage fraudulent, and would we be considered accomplices by not reporting it to any authorities before his death?

STEPDAUGHTER IN REVOLT

DEAR STEPDAUGHTER: You are correct that the

"marriage" was fraudulent, and you certainly do have recourse. Your father's lawyer should be consulted immediately to discuss an annulment of this bogus arrangement. Because your father's judgment is so poor, go with him to ensure that no details are left out. Frankly, I think the woman may be guilty of elder abuse, and your father may need a conservator.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in seventh grade. Until recently, I was my usual happy, bubbly self. I saw school as a place to make friends and have more freedom than I did in elementary school. I was always happy and social and made friends easily.

As the months have passed, it seems like, as I look around, everything annoys me. I can't explain why but I have stopped talking to all of my friends for long periods of time. All these terrible emotions build up. I am angry, sad, frustrated. Now everything that has built up inside me comes out at the worst times. I cry a lot and I feel no one understands why.

goes away over days, but it's not. People see me crying and think, "Oh no, she's crying for no reason again" or "Why is she crying? What is wrong?" but the thing is I don't know what's wrong with me. At odd moments when I'm alone with my thoughts, these feelings come back, stronger and stronger each time. I can't stop them. Why am I like this?

ALMOST-TEEN IN TURMOIL

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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DEAR ALMOST-TEEN: That's a very good question, and one you should ask your parents, because they know you better than I do. The lows you are experiencing may result from the fact that you are maturing and the hormones in your body are changing. However, because you are concerned enough about what's going on to write to me, you may need to be examined by a physician.

If you need help beyond that, the doctor can recommend This may seem like a normal middle-school breakdown that a referral. I'm glad you wrote. It shows you are an intelligent young lady who recognizes she has a problem and wants to deal with it.

> Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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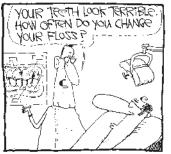
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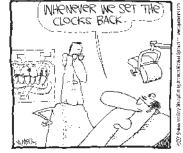
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michael Fassbender, 41; Christopher Meloni, 57; Emmylou Harris, 71; Linda Hunt, 73.

Happy Birthday: Examine all aspects of any situation vou face in detail. Knowledge and understanding will help you sidestep a problem that can influence your position, reputation and future advancement. Precision, research and keeping the peace will help you build strong relationships. Personal changes can be made that will improve the way you present who you are and what you have to offer. Your numbers are 2, 6, 14, 25, 34, 39, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Slow down and discover the ins and outs of a change you face before moving forward. What you discover will influence the choice you make. Partnerships should be looked at closely and adjustments made to suit the current and upcoming changes. 👀

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Open up a dialogue and discuss matters that can have a positive influence on an important relationship. Getting along with your peers, partners or relatives will improve your life substantially. Having greater understanding of a situation

will promote workable solutions. ••• **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Trying to talk your way out of something will not be easy. Expect to be countered by someone with finesse as well as inside information. It's best to be willing to admit if you made a mistake. •••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put your effort into personal gains and changes that will improve your attitude as well as your financial security. Don't worry so much about what others do, say or think when what's important is how you feel about your own suc-

cess. OOOOO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expressing the way you feel and bringing about changes that will help improve your life should be on your agenda. Size up your situation and refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Know what you want and follow through. 😂

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A positive change of attitude will take place if you make a physical change to your looks or to the way you present what you have to offer. Collaborating with peers will help you flesh out

an idea. A proposal looks promising. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your finances separate and use your money to invest in better health, diet and exercise. Looking out for what's in your best interest may not make someone close to you happy, but it's

what you should be doing. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Opportunities look inviting, but that doesn't mean you have to overdo it. Look for benefits and the best way to get the most in return. Your unique style and intuitive insight will help when a

difficult choice comes into play. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Spend more time taking care of personal relationships and situations. Discuss prob-

lems openly, and make suggestions that will encourage positive change as well as a closer bond with the people who mean the most to you. OOO

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put the passion back into your life. Love what you do and do what you love. Make physical changes that will improve your emotional attitude and your confidence. Take action. Engage in life, love and achieving happiness. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't take on more than you can handle or neglect your health. Use common sense and only bring about changes that are beneficial to you. Refuse to let someone who has been a poor influence in the past back into your life. 😂

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Personal updates will pay off. Whether you are revamping your image or taking care of personal investments, settlements or documents that need to be revised, you'll come out with more than you anticipate. Getting together with

an old friend is encouraged. Birthday Baby: You are intense, energetic and secretive. You are original and heroic.

(To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.)

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD. CARTWHEELS

Solution: 10 letter

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Maeda fans 10, lifts Dodgers over Giants



GELES (AP)— Kenta

Maeda struck out 10 over five innings, and the Los Angeles Dodgers finally found their offense to beat the San Francisco Giants 5-0 on Saturday night for their first win of the

After striking out 18 times in a pair of 1-0 defeats to open the season, the Dodgers got the loudest cheers in the first inning for a sacrifice fly by Yasiel Puig that scored their first run off Derek Holland (0-1). Matt Kemp followed with an RBI single to make it 2-0.

Maeda (1-0) allowed five hits and walked one. He faced baserunners in every inning except the fifth.

Joe Panik, whose solo homers beat the Dodgers in the first two games, hit into a game-ending double play in the ninth.

Brewers 7, Padres 3

In San Diego, Christian Yelich tied his career high with five hits, leading the Brewers to a sweep of their season-opening series.

Yelich scored three times and drove in two runs as Milwaukee improved to 3-0 for the first time since it won its first five games in 2006. Lorenzo Cain had three hits and two RBI, and Travis Shaw drove in three runs.

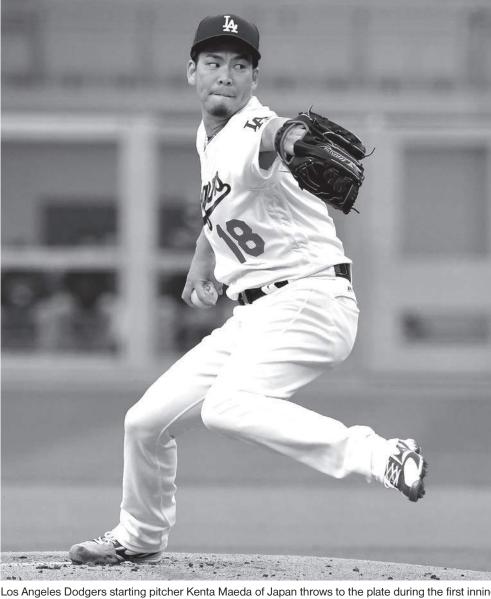
Brewers left-hander Brent Suter (1-0) went five innings, allowing three runs and three hits.

Nationals 13, Reds 7

In Cincinnati, Adam Eaton had solo homer among his career-high five hits and Brian Goodwin hit his first career grand slam, powering Washington to the victory.

The Nationals have won their first two games under new manager Dave Martinez. The last time they opened a season 3-0 was 2013, when they swept the Marlins.

Stephen Strasburg (1-0) gave up three runs—only one earned—in 6 1/3 innings



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Kenta Maeda of Japan throws to the plate during the first inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants Saturday, March 31, 2018, in Los Angeles.

while improving to 5-1 career threw wildly to the backstop. against Cincinnati.

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 3

In Toronto, Yangervis Solarte hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning of Toronto's first win of the season, and Kevin Pillar added an insurance run by stealing second, third and home.

The Blue Jays bounced back from two straight losses. Tyler Austin homered twice for the Yankees.

Solarte began the eighth with a deep drive to center off Dellin Betances (0-1) for a 4-3 lead.

Pillar hit a one-out single and swiped his way to third. The speedy outfielder then broke for the plate with Gift Ngoepe at bat, and Betances

Cubs 10, Marlins 6, **10** innings

In Miami, Ben Zobrist hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the 10th inning and Kris Bryant followed with a three-run double, sending the Cubs to the win after Yu Darvish struggled in his first start for Chicago.

Kyle Schwarber homered for the Cubs, who bounced back after a 17-inning loss to the Marlins on Friday. Pedro Strop (1-0) got the win.

Darvish pitched 4 1/3 innings and was charged with five runs and five hits.

Rockies 2, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Charlie Blackmon homered twice, helping Colorado salvage the finale of its season-opening series in Arizona.

Blackmon tied the game with a leadoff drive against Zack Greinke in the sixth inning. He added another leadoff shot against Fernando Salas (0-1) in the eighth.

Bryan Shaw (1-0) pitched a scoreless seventh to get the victory.

Twins 6, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Minnesota Twins right-hander Kyle Gibson pitched six hitless innings before being replaced by Ryan Pressly, who kept the no-hitter intact until the eighth.

Gibson (1-0), Pressly and Gabriel Mova combined on a three-hitter to help Minnesota bounce back from an 11-inning, season-opening loss to Baltimore on Thursday.

Braves 15, Phillies 2

In Atlanta, Ender Inciarte drove in four runs with three hits, Ryan Flaherty had four hits and scored four times, and Atlanta roughed up Vince Velasquez.

Brandon McCarthy (1-0) allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings in his Braves debut.

Velasquez (0-1) faltered in a tough spot for Philadelphia after it used a combined 13 relievers in the first two games of the series. He was charged with seven runs, four earned, and nine hits in 2 2/3 innings.

White Sox 4, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Welington Castillo hit a two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning, lifting the White Sox to the victory.

Danny Farquhar (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for the win. Former Royals reliever Joakim Soria got Whit Merrifield to fly out with runners on first and second for his first save with the White Sox.

Chicago's rally began when Yoan Moncada hit a towering home run off Brandon Maurer (0-1) to begin the eighth.

Astros 9, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Lance McCullers Jr. struck out 10 in 5 1/3 innings and Carlos Correa hit a two-run homer, leading Houston to the victory.

Correa and AL MVP Jose Altuve each had four hits and scored twice for the World Series champions. Jake Marisnick hit a two-run drive, and Marwin Gonzalez also drove in two runs.

McCullers (1-0) was one short of his career high in strikeouts.

Red Sox 3, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Xander Bogaerts homered for Boston, and Rick Porcello carried a shutout into the sixth

Bogaerts hit a solo drive in the second against Andrew

Kittredge (0-1), a reliever making his first big league start in the debut of Tampa Bay's plan to use bullpen days in place of a customary fifth starter.

Porcello (1-0) was charged with one run and six hits in 5 1/3 innings. Craig Kimbrel worked the ninth for his second save.

Mets 6, Cardinals 2

In New York, Yoenis Cespedes and Travis d'Arnaud homered, Todd Frazier drove in three runs and the Mets opened at 2-0 for the first time since 2013.

New York right-hander Jacob deGrom (1-0) struck out seven while pitching 5 2/3 innings of one-run ball.

D'Arnaud connected in the fourth and Cespedes made it 4-1 with another solo drive in the fifth.

Angels 8, Athletics 3

In Oakland, Mike Trout had three hits and two RBI, Zack Cozart also drove in two runs and the Angels finished with 12 hits.

Albert Pujols had two hits and two RBI for Los Angeles, and No. 9 batter Rene Rivera had two hits and scored two runs.

Angels right-hander Matt Shoemaker (1-0) gave up three runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out four and walked four while improving to 5-0 with a 2.38 ERA in his last seven starts against Oakland.

Indians 6, Mariners 5

In Seattle, Yonder Alonso hit his third career grand slam in the first inning, Yan Gomes added a two-run shot and Cleveland held on for the road win.

Alonso and Gomes provided the big blows off James Paxton (0-1), who struggled with command and failed to make it out of the fifth inning.

Carlos Carrasco (1-0) pitched into the sixth inning to get the victory. Cody Allen got three outs for his first save.

No bunkers doesn't mean no problems on 14th at Augusta



GEORGIA (AP)—PhilMickelson was 148 yards away in the middle of

the 14th fairway at Augusta National and saw a pin that was set up for birdies.

The trick was getting there. He wanted to flight a low 9-iron so it would carry over the first tier and land about four paces short of the hole. His caddie, Jim "Bones" Mackay, wanted him to take something off a pitching

wedge, and Lefty concurred. It landed about 12 feet short, rode the slope and came within inches of going in.

It wasn't his most famous birdie in 2004, when Mickelson won his first Masters, but it was no less important.

What allows it to get overlooked is its position on the dynamic back nine, right between the two par 5s.

"I think it's as exciting a hole as any," Jordan Spieth said.

Spieth had his own adventures there when he won the

Masters in 2015. He was in the trees to the right of the 14th green when he slashed at a 7-iron and feared it would run through the green and into all sorts of trouble. Instead, it smacked the pin and settled a few feet away for birdie.

The 14th hole—effectively the halfway point of any back-nine charge at Augusta National—is known as Chinese Fir. It originally was called Spanish Dagger, though it was anything but

that for Sergio Garcia last year. He smartly played the slope for a short birdie putt in the final round to pull within one shot of the lead.

Mickelson also left his mark there in 2010 by holing out for his second straight eagle. Horton Smith might have had the best birdie of all, chipping in from 50 feet when he won the Masters in 1936.

More than any sensational shot, however, the 440-yard hole is best known for what it doesn't have: a bunker.

It is the only hole at Augusta National without a bunker, though that wasn't always the case. There used to be a large bunker down the right side, except that it was so close to the tee that it never came into play. It was eliminated in 1952.

Besides, this hole is all about the green.

The large putting surface has huge contours that fall like terraces toward the front from left to right. That's one reason that for two pin positions over the front tier, Justin Rose doesn't really pay attention to the pin.

"If you hit straight at them, the ball will release 40 feet to the right," Rose said. "In my yardage book, I have that you have to aim 5 yards left to hit it right. The pin is not the pin. So I have one pin 5 yards left, and one pin 8 yards left. It's a very clever green."

The biggest concern is a left pin, because it helps to land on the left side of the pin, but missing the pin to the left is near impossible. Rory McIlroy recalls doing that one year. "It was the only year I missed the cut," he said.

Michigan faces Villanova for NCAA title

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Michigan has shored up the deficiency that always held it back, becoming one of the nation's best defensive teams, not one of its worst. Outshooting teams, no longer necessary.

This new-found stinginess

has the Wolverines within reach of their first national title since Glen Rice and Rumeal

Robinson rumbled through the bracket in 1989.

But their biggest test yet comes on college basketball's brightest stage: Villanova and its squadron of long-range shooters with a national title on the line.

Michigan is good on D, but if the Wildcats shot like they did against Kansas in Saturday night's Final Four nightcap, it may not matter what the Wolverines do.

"I feel bad for Kansas," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "They're a great team, we just made every shot."

Michigan (33-7) reached the title game by taking away Cinderella's slipper, sending Loyola-Chicago and Sister Jean home a game short of completing their divine run, 69-57.

Villanova bombed its way past a blueblood to get there.

The Wildcats (35-4) turned a Final Four showdown with fellow No. 1 seed Kansas into a laugher, dropping in 3-pointers like they were playing pop-a-shot in the 95-79 rout. Villanova made a Final Four-record 18 3s in a recordmatching 40 attempts, its second trip to the title game in

three seasons never in doubt.

That's an NCAA record 442 from the arc this season—and they're still counting.

"That's as good a team as we've played that I can remember," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

The third-seeded Wolver-

ines (33-7) had a bit more trouble against the bracket's favorite underdogs, overcoming a frightful first half

to send nun-turned-motivator Sister Jean Delores Schmidt headed to the exits early.

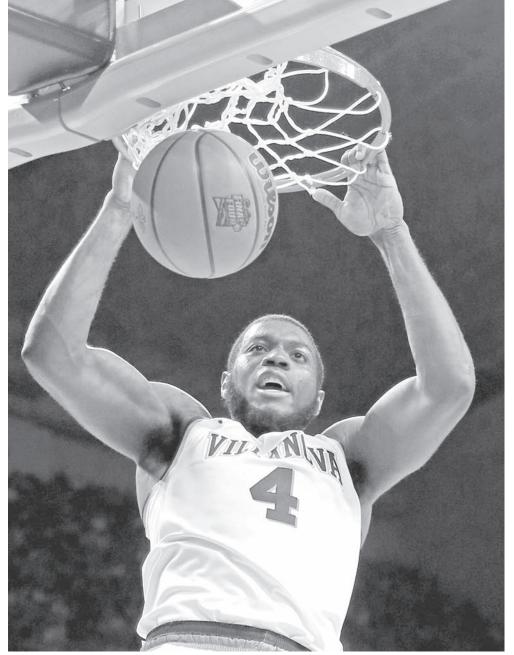
The Wolverines trailed the bracket-rambling Ramblers by seven at halftime, found the right gear in the second and have a title-game appearance no one outside of Ann Arbor saw coming when they were middling in the Big Ten just a month ago.

Now they're done playing the favorite for a night, it's back to the underdog role against Villanova.

"The whole villain thing, you guys love to write about it, talk about it, but at the end of the day it's just basketball, you know?" Michigan big man Moe Wagner said. "And we just try to win. That's all we do.

Their next task: Find some way to slow Villanova's 3-ball roll.

The Wildcats were one of the most proficient 3-point shooting teams during the regular season and upped the 3 ante in the NCAA Tournament, knocking down a record 65 and counting. Villanova broke the Final Four record with 13 in the first half and literally shot the lights out by



the second, when some scoreboards and upper-level lights briefly went out and darkened the upper decks.

"It was one of those nights where we were able to make shots and that's what the lead looks like," said Villanova's Jalen Brunson, who had 18 points and six assists.

Michigan may have a better answer than the Jayhawks had.

Tired of watching victories

fizzle away through defensive deficiencies, coach John Beilein made a philosophical change, putting an emphasis on that side of the ball.

It's worked out well.

Michigan had the nation's

Villanova's Eric Paschall (4) dunks during the second half in the semifinals of the Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament against Kansas, Saturday, March 31, 2018, in San Antonio.

No. 3 defense efficiency-wise and put Loyola on lockdown in the second half, forcing the Ramblers into a rash of turnovers to race away.

"We always talk about getting the domino going," Loyola coach Porter Moser said. "They closed that gap of opportunity in a hurry."

Villanova has a way of doing that, too.

The Wolverines may have an answer in Wagner.

The German big man carried Michigan through its struggles in the first half by using his size advantage against the smaller Ramblers, snagging five offensive rebounds to notch a double-double by halftime.

Wagner finished with 24 points and 15 rebound to join Hakeem Olajuwon and Larry Bird as the only players to have at least 20 points and 15 rebounds in a national semifinal game.

"He's unbelievable. He's one of those dynamic scorers from the post, he's a great passer, made some unbelievable passers today with both hands," Villanova assistant coach Ashley Howard said. "He's a guy they can play through. We'll watch tape, try to figure out the best way to approach going into Monday night's game. It's going to be a challenge and we're looking forward to it."



MIAMI (AP)—On the court, it was a bad night for the Miami Heat.

And postgame, it got worse.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 20 points, Caris Levert scored to put Brooklyn up for good with about a halfminute left in overtime, and the Nets beat the Heat 110-109 on Saturday night—a game where Dwyane Wade thought he got fouled on the final shot of the night, and followed by Miami center Hassan Whiteside complaining about how little he played.

"A good old-fashioned brawl," Nets coach Kenny Atkinson said.

He wasn't kidding.

Wade's right arm was aching postgame, from his shoulder to his wrist, after taking an array of hits. Hollis-Jefferson needed stitches to close a cut near his left eye, a souvenir from a wild final few seconds that saw bodies flying everywhere. Tempers flared on both sides, and the Heat expect the

Nets deny Heat a clincher, beat Miami in

NBA to tell them Sunday that some calls were missed.

"Thanks for nothing," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

If the league agrees that calls were missed, it won't matter. The loss will stick. And the Heat have bigger problems anyway.

Not only did Miami miss a chance to clinch a playoff spot, but their center—and their highest-paid player—asked out of the game early in the first quarter, and wound up not playing at all in the fourth quarter or overtime. White-side, who just came back from a nine-game absence because of what was described as left hip pain, went on an expletive-filled rant postgame.

"We got one of the best centers in the league," Whiteside said. "Why we matching up? A lot of teams don't have a good center. So they're going to use their strength. It's (expletive). It's really (expletive), man. There's a lot of teams that could use a center."

Warriors 112, Kings 96

In Sacramento, Golden State guard Patrick McCaw left on a stretcher late in the third quarter of the Warriors' win over the Sacramento Kings after a terrifying thud to the floor following an undercut by Vince Carter that appeared unintentional.

McCaw was transported to UC Davis Medical Center for further evaluation, the team said.

He drove the baseline and went down with a thud at the 41.8-second mark of the third quarter, hit in the lower body by Carter. McCaw lay still and in agony for about 10 minutes as the crowd quieted. Carter, who was given a Flagrant-1 foul, knelt nearby as medical personnel from both teams along with Warriors coach Steve Kerr rushed out to the baseline beneath Golden State's basket.

Kevin Durant had 27 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in

his first full game back from a rib injury. Durant had returned Thursday night against Milwaukee but got ejected just before halftime for using vulgarities.

Fellow All-Star Klay Thompson played Saturday following an eight-game absence with a broken right thumb and contributed 25 points on 10-for-19 shooting.

Celtics 110, Raptors 99

In Boston, Marcus Morris had 25 points and nine rebounds before getting ejected in the closing seconds, and Boston to beat the Eastern Conference-leading Toronto.

Jayson Tatum added 24 points, six rebounds and four assists as Boston posted its sixth straight win and moved within two games of Toronto for the top seed in the East.

Both teams have six games remaining. They meet for the final time on Wednesday in Toronto.

Things got heated in the final seconds when four tech-

nical fouls were assessed between the teams. Morris was hit with two and was tossed. Toronto's C.J. Miles and Serge Ibaka received one each.

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 32 points, seven rebounds and seven assists. Ibaka added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Wizards 107, Hornets 93

In Washington, All-Star John Wall had 15 points and 14 assists in his first game in two months, Otto Porter Jr. had 26 points and 11 rebounds, and Washington beat Charlotte to clinch its fourth playoff berth in five seasons.

Wall, who last played on Jan. 25 and had left knee surgery six days later, made his first shot of the game—a 3-pointer from the top of the key—and played 33 minutes.

Bradley Beal scored 22 points and hit 6 of 8 3-pointers as the Wizards tied a franchise high with 18 made shots from

deep. Washington beat Charlotte for the first time in four tries this season.

Pistons 115, Knicks 109

In New York, Andre Drummond narrowly missed a second straight 20-20 game with 22 points and 17 rebounds, and Detroit got its fourth straight victory.

Reggie Jackson and Anthony Tolliver each scored 17 points for the Pistons, who won for the sixth time in seven games despite playing without the injured Blake Griffin. Reggie Bullock added 16.

Drummond was 8 for 13 from the floor and the formerly woeful free throw shooter was 6 of 8 from the line. The All-Star center had 24 points and 23 rebounds in a victory over Washington on Thursday and leads the NBA with seven 20-point, 20-rebound games this season.

Michael Beasley scored 32 points and Trey Burke Jr. added 18 points and 15 assists for the Knicks.

Ticheli leads Marianas Muscle winners



Brian Ticheli won the overall title in the 2018 Michelob Ultra Marianas Muscle

Bodybuilding & Physique Championships held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center late last month.

Ticheli topped the masters division category of the bodybuilding event, beating Jun Riodique in their head-to-head matchup to get the overall championship in the annual tournament organized by the Northern Marianas Bodybuilding & Physique Federation.

In the physique division, Arvin Mettao prevailed in his one-on-one duel against Zhang Wei.

By JON PEREZ

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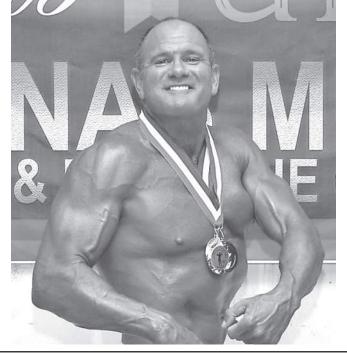
6JMS The Mafia made short work of Amari's Empy, 12-3, in last

week's Tuesday B Division games in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light League 2018 held at the former's home bar in Garapan.

The Mafia hiked its record to 77-28 after the win against its cellar-dwelling opponent to keep a good distance from its foes and boost its title bid.

The quartet of Derrick Ayuyu, Joker Camacho, Ray Cepeda, and Richard Santos proved to be too much of a class against their lowlyranked opponents. Empy managed to win only two matches in the opening 301 Double In-Double Out event courtesy of Mark and Jerry Uberita, who bested Camacho and Cepeda. The two players then joined Kristan and Patrick Uberita in winning the Team 1101 event.

In other games, the Amari's Petmalu Boyz also scored a



Brian Ticheli poses for the judges during the 2018 Michelob Ultra Marianas Muscle Bodybuilding & Physique Championships held last March 24 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

With Ticheli and Mettao ruling their respective events, they joined the competition's elite winners circle, which include last year's champs Aaron Tomokane, Enrico Valdez, Star Gordon, and Ran Hee Yoo. Tomokane ruled the open bodybuilding category in 2017, Enrico Valdez reigned supreme in the open men's physique, and Gordon and the 64-year-old Yoo were the Top 2 finishers in the masters women's physique class. (Jon Perez)

Mafia II keeps opponents at bay



6JMS Mafia II players celebrate their 12-3 victory over Amari's Empy in last week's Tuesday B Division game in the Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light League 2018 held at the former's home bar in Garapan.

12-3 triumph over the 6JMS Thunder Darts Impact, while the 6JMS Strikers completed a 10-5 decision against sister squad the Strikers.

Meanwhile, no games were played in the Fanihi and Flame Tree Thursday B, and Inter-Government divisions in observance of Maundy Thursday

and Good Friday last week.

OTHER RESULTS A Division

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1-1. Seongwon Cho scored the lone goal for MP United B in the fifth minute, while Kakeru

To break the tie and determine the No. 3 finisher in the one-day tournament, MP United B and Vivid had a shootout with the former win-

Meanwhile, the top performers in the Pacific Ocean Cup 9 were recognized during the event's brief awarding ceremony. Suyama, Chung, Sui Yi, and Roque were named MVPs for their respective teams, while Chung also took the Golden Boot award, sharing it with Narvaez, as the two players scored two goals apiece. Mark Chavez won the Golden Glove medal.

ning, 3-1.

Wildboyz edges Marianas Water in Tuesday League

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The 9 Eleven Wildboyz scored a come-frombehind 8-7 win over sister team Marianas Water in last week's Saipan Billiards Associa-

tion Budweiser Open 8-Ball Tuesday League.

Ray Matsunaga and Randy Sablan delivered for the Wildboyz in the final game to improve their win-loss record to 59-32 and shadow the league-leading Amari's IT&E Destroyers (62-29). Marianas Water, despite the slim loss, remains at third with a 58-33 slate, followed closely by the 57-34 record of Brannon's Docomo Hustlers. The 9 Eleven Str8 Black Ball (51-40), Tasha's The Masters Touch (45-46) and Brannon's 670 Builders (32-59) complete the standings.

In the Wildboyz-Marianas Water game, the latter was enjoying a 4-1 lead and seemed pretty much in control of their race-toeight match. The Wildboyz, however, won three straight with Sablan scoring a victory over Roel Barreto in

> the Singles 8 Ball then teaming up with Pat Cepeda in beating the duo of Jerry Soriano and Marvin Deocares in the

Partners side.

Bill Cepeda defeated Cecilio Bisana in the other Singles 8 Ball match for the Wildboyz's other victory. The opposing teams then split the next four games, leaving the final Partners 8-Ball as the deciding match. That was when Matsunaga and Sablan delivered for the Wildboyz, as they topped Soriano and Deocares to seal the win.

In other games, the Hustlers escaped with an 8-5 win over the Builders, while the Destroyers coasted to an 11-2 victory against the Masters Touch.

Meanwhile, no games were held in the Thursday League in observance of Maundy Thursday.

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from Typhoon Soudelor and has yet to reopen.

With Gross back in spear-

heading interscholastic sports competitions on island, he has reached out to various local sports federations to help PSS facilitate tournaments for students.

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ited to three field goals.

Then in the second half, a different set of players made

baskets for Camor to protect its double-digit lead at the break, 30-17. The trend continued in the second half en route to Camor's 25-point winning margin.

With the loss, Hong Ye split its game last week. Before bowing to Camor, Hong Ye prevailed against Islander last Tuesday, 66-60.

Mervin Sagahun towed Hong Ye to victory after posting 25 points, 10 of them came in the third quarter where Hong Ye turned the tables on Islander, 52-42, after falling behind at halftime, 22-29. Hal Spott and Eugene Manglona backed up Sahagun in the third quarter, contributing 6 points each. All three also scored in the fourth to keep their lead and take the win.

8th Division 62. Hong Ye 51

8th Division had a big thirdquarter push to beat Hong Ye last Thursday.

With the game tied at halftime, 8th Division fired 24 points in the third canto—its biggest output in a quarter—to open a 50-41 lead. Maverick

Itibus, Joseph Torres, Alex Lauron, Gio Dancel, and Jerome Reyes teamed up for 19 of 8th Division's total markers in the pivotal third frame.

The 9-point advantage at the end of the third canto gave 8th Division enough cushion against the repeated comeback bids of Hong Ye in the payoff period.

I-Score 67, Pinatubo 60

I-Score drew a solid game from its big men to top Pinatubo in last Wedneday's match.

Josh Andrews and Kelvin Fitial teamed up in leading I-Score's attack in the paint as they combined for about half of their squad's total production. Andrews had 18 points, while Fitial chipped in 15. Andrews and Fitial's points offset the game-high 28 markers Ken Viray registered for Pinatubo.

Viray was on a solo show in the third quarter, making 8 points, while Fitial, Andrews, and three other I-Score players nailed at least two field goals apiece to turn a shaky 33-29 halftime edge to a double-digit spread entering the final canto, 52-39.

Viray kept going, but failed to bring his team back into the game, as Fitial and Andrews were there to steady the ship and the two frontliners also drew help from their teammates to keep I-Score in front.

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and the ball rolled at the center pass the hands of MP United goalie Kristopher Pascual, giving TanHoldings cushion,

Chavez went on to seal Tan-Holdings title win when he deflected a shot from Garett Weaver using his legs.

The TanHoldings-MP United A championship match was decided via shootout after Andrew Chung hit the gametying goal off a pass from Weaver in the 34th minute or just a minute before the regulation ended (a five-minute stoppage time was added into the 30-minute finale). Earlier in the 32nd minute, Bergancia went for a long free kick and

the ball went over the head of Pascual and into the goal, allowing TanHoldings to draw first blood before Chung made the equalizer.

TanHoldings and MP United A advanced to the finals after placing in the Top 2 in the round-robin elimination. The finalists earned similar 2-1-0 windraw-loss record in the preliminary games, but TanHoldings took the top spot as it scored 4 goals in three games against the three of MP United A.

Kaithlynm Chavez made the lone goal in TanHoldings 1-0 triumph over the visiting Vivid Blue of Japan, while Narvaez had a pair and Roque added one in their 3-0 triumph over MP United B. TanHoldings engaged MP United A in a scoreless draw in their first duel.

MP United A, on the other hand, drew one goal apiece from Garett Weaver and Chung to beat Vivid Blue. Then against its sister team MP United B, MP United A won, thanks to Bachani's shot.

MP United B had a chance to break into the win column in the elimination round when it led Vivid Blue. 1-0, off William Sosa's goal in the seventh minute. However, Vivid Blue forced a draw when Haruto Suyama found the back of the net in the 18th minute. Preliminary games were played for 20 minutes.

With MP United B and Vivid Blue failing to win a single match in the elimination, they battled in the consolation game, which again ended in a tie after regulation,

Tomotaka knotted the count in the 25th minute.

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Fiesta Resort Staff at Tagaman Triathlon

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From left, swimmer Patholo Joab, runner Elena Gersonde, and biker Wilfredo Barbo of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan pose for a photo after receiving their medals in the 50.51 distance of the 2018 Tagaman Triathlon held late last month.



Biker Wilfredo Barbo, left, accompanies runner Elena Gersonde, as the latter cruise along Beach Road.



Patholo Joab runs out of the water to head to the run-bike transition

area at Kilili Beach.





Wilfredo Barbo steers his bike out of the transition area.







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TanHoldings FC delivers in shootout

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

anHoldings Football Club outgunned MP United FC A in a penalty shootout, 3-1, to rule the Pacific Ocean Cup 9 held last Saturday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.



Mark Joseph Roque, Anthony Bergancia, and Narvaez Ariel converted their penalty kicks, while goalie

Mark Chavez made a couple of saves to lift TanHoldings past host MP United A in the finals. Roque was the first to take a shot and made a looper to the upper left corner post and TanHoldings kept the 1-0 lead when Chavez tapped out a shot from Leo Takahashi.

Next up for the eventual champion was Bergancia and his shot rolled into the left corner for TanHoldings' 2-0 advantage. MP United then cut the deficit to one when Evan Men-



diola attempted and the ball banked on the front right post first before crossing over into the net, confusing the defense of Chavez.

A miss from Rizza Relucio, whose

shot was way off to the right, kept the score at 2-1, while MP United muffed its chances to tie the match when Dev Bachani also made a wayward kick to the right. After the

back-to-back misses, Narvaez broke the curse when he unloaded a shot

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Interscholastic sports competitions return

By JON PEREZ



Newly appointed Public School System athletics program director Nick Gross is bringing

back interscholastic sports competitions this month with the staging of a basketball tournament among middle schools on Saipan.

Tanapag Middle School, Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School, Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Dandan Middle School, and Hopwood Middle School are the participating schools. The girls championship is set on April 19, while the following day will be the title match in the boys division.

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Interscholastic basketball games were played at the Marianas High School Gymnasium before it was damaged by Typhoon Soudelor in 2015. Interscholastic sports competitions have been revived with Public School System athletics program director Nick Gross working on the schedule of tournaments for students in all levels.

Gross is also planning to conduct a two-day high school basketball tournament for girls on April 13 and 14, and for boys on April 27 and 28.

Tournament dates were made after Gross started with his new job at the Office of Student and Support Services in PSS last month under associate commissioner Yvonne Pangelinan.

"Although most of my time is spent preparing the activities for school year 2018-2019, we're also working to provide sporting opportunities for students this school year as well," said Gross, who was the executive director of the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization when he was still a physical education instructor at the Marianas High School.

MISO games in basketball, golf, softball, tennis, and volleyball were stopped after several facilities were damaged when Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan in August 2015. The MHS Gymnasium, where basketball and volleyball games used to take place, sustained significant damage

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Camor crushes Team Batang

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Camor coasted to victory against Team Batang, 66-41, at the resumption of action in

the 2018 Civic Center Inter-color Basketball League last Saturday at the Civic Center court.

Camor relied on its balance scoring to rout Team Batang, which in contrast was led by only three players and majority of their points came when the game was already decided.

Nine Camor players recorded at least 6 points apiece and each found a away to step up in the game to keep their team's safe distance. In the first period, Jun Fidelino, Dan Rebusqillo, Dixon Kwon, and Ben Williams knocked in two field goals apiece to lift Camor to a 19-7 advantage. Team Batang failed to hit double figures in the opening frame as it was lim-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO Camor's Pat Salalila, left, drives against Team Batang' Bert Dacumos during the fourth quarter of

their game in the Civic Center caging last Saturday.